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A Message from the President

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Dear Alumnae and Friends,

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed the Class of 2003 to campus. Our more than 200 new students are bright, inquisitive, and in some ways still a bit unsure of themselves. But they will soon gain self-confidence as they take ownership of their own Sweet Briar.

When you read my most recent President's Letter, you will know that they have chosen a college where the clear emphasis is on a three-pronged, integrated educational program that provides not only *knowledge of the traditional academic disciplines* of the liberal arts, but also *clear connections to the world* beyond Sweet Briar, and the careful *development of the professional skills* that will distinguish the well-educated woman of tomorrow. Sweet Briar will change their lives.

By the act of enrolling here, these young women have entered a world of connectivity (to use today's technological language). We expect them to learn quickly how to draw connections among very different courses, lectures, independent studies, physical activities, spiritual experiences, volunteer service, and to see how these all fit to educate the whole woman. Further, we expect them to begin from their first week to develop networks that can and will expand to offer them lifelong intellectual, professional, and personal support.

This issue of your *Alumnae Magazine* focuses on *one of the most important kinds of connections our students can make: between themselves and Sweet Briar alumnae*. Our alumnae network is legendary, assisting students to find internships and externships, giving graduates a hand as they move to a new city, search for a job, or enter graduate school. To develop these networks quickly and efficiently, students are helped enormously by our Career Services Center. Under the able direction of Joanne Mahanes, Career Services is providing students from their first semester with the tools to tap into the SBC network—and in the process, to develop a sense of their personal capabilities and professional options.

You will enjoy this testament to the power of Sweet Briar to change lives. And having read this special section, I hope you will pull it out and share it with a young woman who might benefit from a Sweet Briar education. If you see other ways you can help, please let us know! Take a moment, too, to strengthen the network yourself by connecting with a classmate or a prospective student, or by giving us some feedback (voice mail, e-mail, or snail mail) for our "letters" department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Elisabeth Muhlenfeld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld,
President

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The Class of 1999 on graduation day. See story on page 2.

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Strong Wind Blows Class Of 1999 into The Future!

One hundred and twenty-nine members of the Class of 1999 received their diplomas on Saturday, May 1, when Sweet Briar celebrated its 90th Commencement Exercises in the Quad. Unremitting wind gusts, which whipped academic robes and threatened to dismantle the stage set up for the ceremony only seemed to add excitement to the occasion as “The Niners,” as they were referred to by Dean George Lenz, laughed, cried, hugged each other, and prepared to say “Au Revoir” to The Patch—Sweet Briar’s newest wave of intrepid alumnae!

Commencement Honors

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 1999.

Lindsey Corliss Neef, West Bloomfield, MI

The Presidential Medalist

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Melissa Gail Henning, Mehoopany, PA

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Heather Arlene McLeod, San Marcos, TX

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Amira Susana Hernandez, Spartanburg, SC

The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Brandi Ristine Whitley, Monroe, NC

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, while actively participating in the College community and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Mary Christine Harris, Columbus, OH



SBC Chaplain Susan Lehman, Commencement speaker, praised the seniors for their “fire,” and challenged them to continue it

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Associate Professor of Music Jonathan Green received the 1999 Excellence in Teaching Award

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Heather Arlene McLeod, San Marcos, TX

The Shakespeare Prize

Tiffany Tyler, Lynchburg, VA

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award for Excellence in Economics

Erin Elizabeth Sobotta, Roanoke, VA

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Tara Kimberly Hartnett, Whitefield, NH

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Brandi Ristine Whitley, Monroe, NC

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Devon Linley Vasconcellos, Boulder, CO

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Lindsey Corliss Neef, West Bloomfield, MI

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theatre

Laura Elizabeth Walters, Gray, TN

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History

Emily Lea Poore, West Newbury, MA

Mary Kathryn Taylor, Houston, TX

The Martha von Briesen Prize in Photography

Jessica Anne Brandrup, Benbrook, TX

The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish

Amira Susana Hernandez, Spartanburg, SC

Jennifer Hazen Schmidt, Yarmouth, ME

The Maxine Garner Prize in Religion

Amira Susana Hernandez, Spartanburg, SC

The Jean Besselièvre Boley Award

Sarah Emery Dean, Fairfax, VA

The Helen K. Mull Graduate Fellowship in Psychology

Bridget Lynette Meier, Butler, PA

The Sweet Briar Fine Arts Scholarship

Melissa Gail Henning, Mehoopany, PA

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Christine Regina Carl, Arlington, VA

The Academy of American Poets

Jessica Lee West, The Plains, VA

Chin Yee "Regina" Yau, Perak, Malaysia

The American Institute of Chemists Award in Chemistry

Laura Elizabeth Lamb, Hillsboro, OH

The American Institute of Chemists Award in Biochemistry

Brandi Ristine Whitley, Monroe, NC

Phi Beta Kappa 1999

Rachel Ann Brattlie, Lorton, VA

Emily Clark, Puyallup, WA

Margaret Edelweisz Yvonna Elaine Dally, Columbus, GA

Sarah Emery Dean, Fairfax, VA

Jessica Lynn Dennig, Clarkston, MI

Amy Jo Downing, Raleigh, NC

Mary Christine Harris, Columbus, OH

Amira Susana Hernandez, Spartanburg, SC

Laura Elizabeth Lamb, Hillsboro, OH

Heather Arlene McLeod, San Marcos, TX

Lindsey Corliss Neef, West Bloomfield, MI

Catherine Patricia O'Brien, Warrenton, VA

Emily Lea Poore, West Newbury, MA

Jennifer Hazen Schmidt, Yarmouth, ME

Devon Linley Vasconcellos, Boulder, CO

Carolyn Celeste Vaughan, Centreville, VA

Brandi Ristine Whitley, Monroe, NC

Summa Cum Laude

Rachel Ann Brattlie, B.S., Lorton, VA

Amy Jo Downing, A.B., Raleigh, NC

Mary Christine Harris, B.S., Columbus, OH

Lindsey Corliss Neef, A.B., West Bloomfield, MI

Devon Linley Vasconcellos, A.B., Boulder, CO

Brandi Ristine Whitley, B.S., Monroe, NC

Magna Cum Laude

Aimee Elizabeth Armentrout, A.B., Mechanicsville, VA

Christine Regina Carl, A.B., Arlington, VA

Aracelie Leona Castro, B.S. San Antonio, TX

Emily Clark, A.B., Puyallup, WA

Margaret Edelweisz Yvonna Elaine Dally, B.S.,

Columbus, GA

Sarah Emery Dean, A.B., Fairfax, VA

Jessica Lynn Dennig, A.B., Clarkston, MI

Amy Fitzgerald Gibbs, A.B., Geneseo, NY

Julie Ann Harju, A.B., Plympton, MA

Melissa Gail Henning, A.B. Mehoopany, PA

Amira Susana Hernandez, A.B., Spartanburg, SC

Susan Knapp Hurley, A.B., West Point, VA

Eriko Ikeda, A.B., Mie, Japan

Sarah Elizabeth Kingsley, A.B., Fort Morgan, CO

Tracy Christine Kitchen, A.B., Wingina, VA

Laura Elizabeth Lamb, B.S., Hillsboro, OH

Heather Arlene McLeod, A.B., San Marcos, TX

Bridget Lynette Meier, B.S., Butler, PA

Catherine Patricia O'Brien, A.B., Warrenton, VA

Emily Lea Poore, A.B., West Newbury, MA

Kelli Michelle Rogowski, A.B., Newport News, VA

Jennifer Hazen Schmidt, A.B., Yarmouth, ME

Danielle Marie Schofield, A.B., Livermore, CA

Andrea Lynn Sharretts, A.B., Patton, PA

Amy Marie Smith, A.B., Manlius, NY

Erin Elizabeth Sobotta, A.B., Roanoke, VA

Meredith Tillery, A.B., Augusta, GA

Jill Alissa Triana, A.B., Charlotte, NC

Carolyn Celeste Vaughan, B.S., Centreville, VA

Erin Jennifer Vlasaty, A.B., St. Louis, MO

Wendy Carolyn Webb, A.B., Unionville, PA

Jessica Lee West, A.B., The Plains, VA

Sharon Martha Wilson, A.B., Radnor, PA

Cum Laude

Kathryn Alfisi, A.B., Monument, CO

Shannon Bazar, A.B., Calabasas, CA

Meredith Ashley Bonnell, B.S., Maplewood, NJ

Christina Lee Brady, A.B., Middleton, WI

Kelley Shea Dize, A.B., Kilmarnock, VA

Allison Leigh Dubenezic, A.B., Harrisonburg, VA

Courtney Gross, A.B., North Richmond Hills, TX

Elizabeth Marshall Hamilton, A.B., Charlottesville, VA

Lindsay Hickes, A.B., Tempe, AZ

Tarah Marsh Holly, A.B., Huntsville, AL

Anne Pelton Jones, A.B., Fredericksburg, VA

Ann Figgie Kitchen, A.B., Bradenton, FL

Jae-Young Lee, A.B., Springfield, VA

Sara Seyfarth, B.S., Saline, MI

Shannon Smith, B.S., Raleigh, NC

Laura Walters, A.B., Gray, TN

Helen Bateman Wintermeyer, A.B., Richmond, VA

The Honors Program, Class of 1999

Highest Honors in Biology

Brandi Ristine Whitley, Monroe, NC

Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Anthropology

Catherine Patricia O'Brien, Warrenton, VA

Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Government

Devon Linley Vasconcellos, Boulder, CO

Honors Graduates

Rachel Ann Brattlie, Lorton, VA

Emily Clarke, Puyallup, WA

Kelley Shea Dize, Kilmarnock, VA

Amira Susana Hernandez, Spartanburg, SC

Lindsey Corliss Neef, West Bloomfield, MI

Emily Lea Poore, West Newbury, MA

Andrea Lynn Sharretts, Patton, PA

Amy Marie Smith, Manlius, NY

Class of 1999 Alumnae Relatives and Friends

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Elizabeth Taylor '02; sister Mary Kathryn Taylor



Kara Vlasaty '97; sister Erin Vlasaty



Emily Sartor with aunt Elisabeth Sartor Harden '68(l) & grandmother Jane Oliver Sartor '39



Linda Gould Capano '70; daughter Andrea Capano



Anna Carmichael; cousin Amy Jenkins Millican '89



Jennifer Schmidt; sister Kimberley '01

Turning Point Students



Allison Oates; mother Ann Shipper Oates '71



Sarah Elkins; cousins Debra Elkins '93 (l), Rachel Elkins Thompson '91



Catherine London; sister Elizabeth Ashley London '95



Janine Paris Schofield '97 mother Julia Paris TP '99



Kelley Dize; sister Leslie-Ann Dize '02

Not pictured: Emily Clark and sister Alli Clark '01



Turning Point Graduates: Sheila Bowles; Julia Paris; Danielle Schofield



Ann Bannard at dedication ceremony

REUNION DEDICATION

By Ann Henderson Bannard

I look back 50 years and realize that most of you who were here then would not have known the shy shadow that I was. This sculpture, *Giving Us Wings*, portraying hands touching, and ending in a soaring silvery wing, represents Sweet Briar's nurturing, enabling environment where I found wings...I know that I am not alone. There is additional symbolism too: the Chinese concept of ch'i—spirit and energy, flowing through the body to the fingertips. Just read the *Alumnae Magazine* to discover the spirit and energy of women who are going out into the world and making a difference in a multitude of ways.

And it's happening to the College itself. Fifty years ago it was segregated, now it is enriched by students from all over the planet. And the long-range plans will change it further—but not Sweet Briar's most important gift to us: when seniors flip their

tassels at graduation, I'll bet they give their wings a little shake too.

I hope our class gift of this space, a beginning-to-be-beautiful courtyard to enclose Bunny and Walter's gift of the sculpture, will become a place for fun—and meditation. My dream is that *Giving Us Wings* will be encouragement and inspiration to the women in generations after us who will stand where we are standing and know that, thanks to Sweet Briar, no dreams are out of reach, and leave this campus and fly.

I am very honored to have a sculpture in this beautiful place, and am so appreciative of all those who have had faith in me, our classmates who contributed to make the project a reality, and especially Bunny and Walter, who made the dreams we had together come true. Thank you!

Coincidence or Prescience?

Comments excerpted from an invocation delivered by Joanne Holbrook Patton '52 at a dinner honoring seniors hosted by the Alumnae Association Board in April 1995—some time before the idea of, and four years before the dedication of "Giving Us Wings."

Let us take this moment to be thankful for the spirit of our Sweet Briar College which connects all of us here with all who are part of our extended family now, or who have been, or who ever will be.

Especially today, may our fellow alumnae everywhere sense the lifelong camaraderie that Sweet Briar's large and loving family offers all of us. There always will be hands waving to greet us, hands ready to lift us up, hands to hold ours in times of need, hands to point the way, and hands to applaud the successes that are sure to be ahead of us on the road from Sweet Briar to our future, wherever it may lead.

For the blessings of the Sweet Briar College family which are shared by us all, our thanks now and always.

Amen.



PHOTO BY YORKE BANNARD

1949's GIVING US WINGS

By Katie Wright '00
Alumnae Magazine Intern

In the midst of changes, those planned for the future or now taking place at Sweet Briar, one thing never changes: the generous nature of Sweet Briar alumnae. Immediately after Reunion Convocation, a very special gift from the 50th Reunion Class was dedicated.

A beautiful bronze sculpture entitled *Giving Us Wings* now stands in a new courtyard enclosed by Dew Dormitory. It was created by artist/sculptor Ann Henderson Bannard '49, 1991 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient.

Also a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Ann uses wood, stone, bronze, tile, and glass. Her works grace universities, churches, zoos, parks, libraries and museums across America and Europe. With many appearances in invitational exhibitions throughout the Southwest, she has been honored with one-person shows in Tucson and Santa Fe.

Giving Us Wings, symbolizing "two hands touching in a nurturing way and ending in a soaring wing" was sculpted in Ann's Tucson studio and cast in bronze at the Desert Crucible Foundry there. Where to place the sculpture was of utmost importance; the spot chosen is peaceful, away from traffic areas. "I really wanted people to think about what the sculpture is, and what it means," Ann said. "I hope that this is something that SBC students can relate to over the years." The view from its setting is ideal: in direct sight is Monument Hill. The brick courtyard, with a named brick for each class member, offers a tranquil place for quiet contemplation or welcomes small gatherings.

Giving Us Wings was commissioned by Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown '49 and husband Walter, former Board of Directors chairman and honorary class member. "I see the sculpture as also representing Sweet Briar friendships reaching out through the years," Bunny said.



Ann Bannard, Walter Brown and Bunny Brown hold small rendering of *Giving Us Wings*



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Bradley Hale, member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, Gordon Beemer, and President Muhlenfeld break ground for the new Inn/Conference Center

Groundbreaking Ceremony During Reunion '99

Sweet Briar College broke ground on the new Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center on Reunion Saturday at the Florence Elston Inn on campus.

The ceremony honored Gordon Beemer and his late wife Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21. The Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer Trust made available \$4.2 million to provide most of the funding for the \$5 million project, which began in August.

The Inn and Conference Center complex will give the College much-needed space for hosting College events and allow the hosting of academic meetings and conferences and non-College conferences.

The project adds a new

wing to the current facility, expanding it from 22 to 40 rooms. The addition includes a new reception area, 24-hour desk, a visitor information center, a lounge with fireplace, an entry courtyard, and a reception courtyard for open-air events.

The Wailes Center, adjacent to the Inn, will be converted into a full-service conference center. Meeting rooms, equipped with a range of audiovisual and display equipment, direct internet access, and cable TV hookups, will accommodate 12-70 people. The building will have a reception area with outdoor spaces, a formal dining room, and a breakfast room serving both the Inn and Conference Center.



On hand for the groundbreaking were members of Gordon's family: (left to right) Diane and Michael G. Beemer, Gordon, Charles G. and Nancy Beemer.

REUNION SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 1999

Sermon by The Reverend Fleming Parker Rutledge '59

*You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit
and that your fruit should abide (John 15:16)*

*For Christ also died for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God (I Peter 3:18)*

Portraits of all the former presidents of Sweet Briar hang in the reading room of the Mary Helen Cochran Library. All but one of them, as you know, are women. One of the great things about women's colleges is that portraits of women have always been on the walls. Every other institution of higher learning that I have been associated with has had to go rummaging around in the basement to see if any forgotten portraits of women could be found. Some of them have even gone so far as to commission new portraits of deceased women who were not deemed important enough to paint when they were alive. Women's colleges are mercifully free from this problem. Yesterday when I wrote the final draft of this sermon in the library, I sat where I could see the portrait of Miss Benedict. My aunt, Mary Virginia Parker, was in the second graduating class at Sweet Briar. Because of her reverence for Miss Benedict, I felt that I had known our first president myself and to this day am inspired by the power of her example.

The Feminine Mystique was published in 1963, four years after my class graduated. I felt the earth quake under my feet that year; it was the moment of the seismic shift in women's experience. My daughters cannot even imagine a world like the one I grew up in. Yet the greatest social revolution that the world has ever known is still in its infancy. I am not sure that our granddaughters will be any less conflicted about their roles in life than we have been. Women's lives are still mysterious, and the way ahead is uncharted.

College reunions prompt many reflections. The last time I preached at Sweet Briar, I had a full head of dark brown hair. I distinctly remember looking with pity upon returning alumnae of a certain vintage, hardly imagining that such decrepitude would ever happen to me. Many times I have heard other women say that they didn't want to go back to their reunions because they didn't want to see their friends looking old. In fact, the first time I heard this was about twenty years ago



when the members of my class were barely forty, long before time's winged chariot started bearing down on us in earnest. Now we are *seriously* sizing up each other's veins and age spots. Do men go through this? Not to the same degree, surely. Being a woman is extra-complex, and being a Southern woman is even more so. It is very difficult to negotiate the various expectations that press in upon us. A perceptive comment was made at lunch yesterday as we were discussing a formerly frivolous classmate who had surprised us by having an impressive career. We wondered why she has never returned for a reunion. "Maybe," mused one of us, "she doesn't want to have to deal with the way we all remember her. She's moved on."

True or not, we are none of us the same as we were, not so much because we have had different expectations, but because all of us have been marked, in one way or another, by struggle. It is struggle, ultimately, that shapes character. Here are some words of St. Paul on that subject:

We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:2-5).

No one ever became more mature and more wise by being carefree. Suffering is what shapes us. Here is a fundamental difference between the West and the East. Eastern philosophy and religion is oriented toward the cessation of struggle, the suppression of conflict, the passive endurance of suffering.¹ Western thought, shaped by Christianity all the way to Marx, Freud and beyond, tends towards a positive evaluation of struggle. The French philosopher Simone Weil said that the only worthwhile question to ask another human being was, "What are you going through?"

Since we arrived on campus on Friday, we've been telling each



Fleming Rutledge
with 1959 class
after chapel

other what we've been going through. I've been amazed by the diversity of adaptations that have occurred even in our relatively homogeneous class. I think all of us have been both impressed and humbled to see how much suffering has been endured and how much vitality and hope has continued to emerge. Some remarkably discerning things have been said in very simple ways. One classmate said, "I've learned that you can't have it all." That sounds almost trite, doesn't it?... but when you know the insight has been won over time through many losses and much struggle, it commands respect.

The reading you heard this morning from the first Epistle of Peter, in the New Testament, contains this sort of movement from the seemingly banal to the deeply serious. The apostle takes us through a list of injunctions that sound almost commonplace: *All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brothers and sisters, a tender heart and a humble mind.* That could be a motto for any alumnae reunion anywhere. But then that distinctly Christian note is heard: *Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called (1 Peter 3:8-9).* It gets more specific as it goes on: *If you suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed... For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong (3:13-14, 17).* In other

words, there is a special virtue in suffering for the righteous cause. If we have done wrong, then we can understand why we are having problems, but if we are persecuted for trying to do the right thing, that is much closer to the heart of the matter. The journey with God is not a breezy path through blooming meadows towards a rosy sunset. It is a hazardous course full of obstacles, marked by suffering and sacrifice.

Women have traditionally been the ones who are supposed to suffer and make sacrifices. Many women have been conditioned to think that they have no choices except to be exploited and take endless abuse. This is profoundly disabling; it is part of women's work in our time to rethink the whole matter. The way to rethink it is in terms of power. Power comes in two kinds: bad and good. The influential Mennonite theologian John Howard Yoder wrote that servanthood is not weakness, but an alternative mode of power.² As Peter and Paul knew, there is great strength in suffering for the right if it is freely chosen as a path to the good kind of power. Look, for example, at Mrs. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, a small-boned, pretty little lady who looks as delicate as baby's breath. Her English husband died just a few weeks ago, and she was not allowed to see him during his last days because she is still under

house arrest after all these years. Why? Because the oppressive government is scared to death of her. When all the despots of Myanmar are long forgotten, the name of Aung San Suu Kyi will be honored throughout the world.

Her life and her examples have been extraordinary and heroic. But moral heroism comes in small sizes as well as large. Even the smallest action can make a tremendous difference. I have been listening to you talking about your struggles, your disappointments, your ways of coping with children, husbands, parents, divorce, alcoholism, chemotherapy, depression, betrayal, bereavement, and every other kind of lost dream and aborted hope. There are various ways of meeting these tidal waves as they go over us. I think of a hymn called "Breast the wave, Christian, when it is strongest." In the library there is a poster with a saying of Eleanor Roosevelt: "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." There are many women in this chapel today who have done just that. You know who you are. Sometimes these struggles with fear are very lonely. In fact, they are *almost always* lonely. Only you know what torment it has been sometimes to get up in the morning; only you know what it has cost you to be magnanimous instead of vindictive; only you know what a struggle it has been to hold up standards for your children, to be patient with your mother's Alzheimer's, to continue to work with colleagues you do not respect, to make the break with your native culture in order to support a larger good.

You can succumb to the tidal wave as it washes over you, or you can confront it head on. "Breast the wave, Christian."

I would be delinquent, however, in my calling as a Christian minister if I allowed this to become simply an inspirational speech about overcoming trouble. The Christian gospel is much more specific than that, and it is infinitely more radical. This isn't a message we would have come up with on our own. The best we can do on our own is to come up with a slogan like "no pain, no gain." The most we can make out of this is something about personal fitness, but the Christian gospel is about world transformation. The passage from First Peter illustrates this for us. The apostle explains that suffering for righteousness' sake is not just a strategy for getting things to work out right. Indeed, it is not a strategy at all. It is a living way of participating in the world-redeeming mission of Jesus the Son of God. *For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God (3:18).* Here is the point at which the Christian view of the matter departs from common sense and becomes radical. As soon as you start bringing Jesus into it, the platitudes take on an edge. All of a sudden we are talking about heavy-duty topics—sin, death, unrighteousness, and the price that God paid. *Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*

The righteous for the unrighteous. Humanly speaking, this makes no sense. We aren't supposed to sacrifice ourselves for the unrighteous. We might be ready to die for our families or



our countrymen, but talking about the righteous dying for the unrighteous is like asking an ethnic Albanian to die for a Serb. St. Paul puts it like this: *While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us* (Romans 5:6-8). Let's paraphrase that, since Paul has such a convoluted way of expressing things. He says that Christ has done something revolutionary, something that undercuts conventional morality altogether. Christ has died for the *ungodly*, the *unrighteous*. You and I, Paul says, would not do that. We might conceivably die for a good person, but we would not die for an evil person. Jesus however, has *died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous*.

Today's Gospel reading will mislead us if we are not aware of the context. At the Last Supper, Jesus says some famous words: *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends* (John 15:13). This familiar saying is frequently used to memorialize soldiers killed in action. We misunderstand it, therefore, to mean that Christian sacrifice is for "our side," for the "good guys." If we think that, we will miss the whole point. We should remember that Jesus is speaking to a group of people

who have consistently misunderstood him and are about to deny and abandon him. The twelve disciples are very poor excuses for friends. Only in the sacrifice of Jesus are they transformed from enemies into friends.³

So the radical center of Christianity is Jesus' self-sacrifice for the *ungodly*, the *unrighteous*. This lifts Christian ethics clear out of the realm of the merely practical and commonsensical. Many times the action of a Christian will seem like a crazy waste. Why don't you just give up on that person or that cause? we will ask. But the Christian view of life, history, death and Resurrection cuts across this way of thinking. The love of God is the love that never gives up, that *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things* (I Corinthians 13).

On Saturday Elsie Prichard Carter '59 treated some of us to a virtuoso description of a group of Tibetan monks making a sand painting. If you haven't heard Elsie Carter describe Tibetan monks, you have really missed something. Unfortunately I can't mimic her inimitable sound effects and hilarious asides. The point of it all was that the monks took seven days to make this incredibly intricate, gorgeous sand painting and then they destroyed it. They dumped it in the river. This, Elsie declared, is intended to show the impermanence of life.

This started me thinking. (I told Elsie I was going to put this in the sermon.) Making a work of art and then dumping it in the river is a very Eastern thing to do. Eastern religion is attractive to Westerners these days, for a number of reasons, but we should be aware of what we might lose in the process. Eastern thinking is cyclical, as is Native American religion. In cyclical thinking, existence is a ceaseless round of birth and decay. What goes around, comes around. That's why a work of art can be destroyed without a thought. In the West, we wouldn't do that. It is the Judeo-Christian tradition that introduced historical thinking to the world (as Thomas Cahill puts it in his best-selling popular book *The Gifts of the Jews*, a tribe of desert nomads changed the way we all think and feel). The Western tradition, attenuated though it is in many ways, has taught us to believe that human endeavor has eternal significance.⁴ John Keats said in a weak moment, that his life's work was "writ in water," but it was not true. Listen to what Jesus says to his disciples in today's Gospel: *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide*. This is the Lord's unconditional promise. It is God's merciful will that nothing good be lost. The fruit of sacrificial labor will *abide*. That's why self-giving is so powerful. It is being built by the Holy Spirit into the future realm of God.

There is something else new here. *I am the vine*, Jesus says, *you are the branches*. This organic relationship between Jesus and his body, the believing community, is unique to Christianity because the union of the Master and the disciples is not mystical or ritualistic, but ethical. Jesus continues, *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love* (John 15:9). The love of which Jesus speaks is the love that refuses to

give up the struggle. It is the mirror of God's love which reaches out even for the unlovely and unloved.

And so, whatever your disappointments, your failures and your sense that time may be running out, there is a vast expanse of comfort in this message. Your struggle to be a person of worth is not in vain. Whatever you are "going through," nothing is wasted. There is a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). God in Jesus Christ is there ahead of you, shaping your efforts into his eternal purpose. It is no graven image, it is no figment of religious imagination, it is no projection out of wishful thinking but a living Lord who says to you this morning, *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full* (John 15:11).

¹ Of course, this is a generalization and can be criticized. Still, there is truth in it. Mahatma Gandhi was not purely Hindu; he had studied in the West. Revolutionary ideas are Western.

² *The Politics of Jesus*

³ Scrupulous exegesis requires me to note that John's gospel, unlike the other three, lays no emphasis on the failure of the disciples, with the notable example of Peter. Jesus says at the Last Supper, *You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you* (John 15:3). It is typical of this Gospel to emphasize the *already* of Jesus' word. It is Paul who clarifies the relation between the Word and the justifying action of Jesus on the Cross. John's gospel, however, does contain the key words, *Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world*.

⁴ To be sure, Christianity has its own rituals addressing the matter of decay and dying, including the ashes on the forehead on Ash Wednesday ("dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return"), but the pattern of death and resurrection is not cyclical or recurring. History, in the Christian view, is going somewhere.



1949 came in force for the 50th (47 + 16 husbands, 5 children/grands): it was not easy for them to stand still long enough to be photographed.

REUNION 1999 SCRAPBOOK

Reunion '99: a time of remembrance and reconnection, celebration of the past and present, and commitment to the future. Festivities included a groundbreaking, a dedication, the Outstanding Alumna Award presentation, Reunion Chapel led by The Reverend Fleming Parker Rutledge '59, four Alumnae Colleges, 1st Annual Reunion Golf Tournament, art and literary exhibits, a mini reunion of Aints & Asses...like the alumnae, Reunions just "get better and better"!



In white gloves & straw hats with pink & green ribbons, '49 sang a medley of songs, received a standing ovation for their stellar performance. • '49's RGC Mary Fran Brown Ballard & Pres. Fritzie Duncombe Millard proudly accept the Participation Award (77%!) for Reunion classes celebrating the 25th-50th.



"Hey, look us over..."! 1944 looked great for their 55th!



"Oh, look up here and see us, and wish that you could be us, sittin' on the Golden Stairs!" 1939 was full of vitality and fun—and for their 60th, they owned those stairs.

'39's V. Pres. Jean McKenny Stoddard & Pres. Lucy Gordan Jeffers.



Note:

RGC = Reunion Gifts Chair

RG Comm = Reunion Gifts Committee

F.A. = Fund Agent

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1954 celebrated the 45th with customary style and grace.



1959 noted they were the 50th class to graduate from SBC!



1964, renowned for their cabaret act by "The Hot Flashes" 5 years ago, received a standing ovation for '99's version: "Alpha Hydroxy" ("makes you look real foxy!"). And they won the **Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest gift in a Reunion year.**



'69's Pres. Nancy Crawford Bent; RG Comm Ginny Stanford Perdue; Sec. Ginny Kay Baldwin Cox; F.A. Lynn Pearson Russell.

Twenty-one turned out for 1969's 30th; Class Pres. Nancy Crawford Bent declared that they were still making gifts on the way to the stage at Convocation.



'54's (front): RG Comm. Weezie Aubrey McFarland; Pres. Mary Jane Roos Fenn; F.A. Faith Rahmer Croker. (back): RGC Vaughan Inge Morrisette; Sec. Bruce Watts Krucke.



'59's below (front): Pres. & Co-RGC Courtney Gibson Pelley; Co-RGC Betsy Smith White. (back): Co-RGC Ann Young Bloom; Sec. Ann Pegram Harris.



'64's above (front): Co-RGC Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer; RG Comm. Nancy Hall Green; Pres. Ginny deBuys. (back): RG Comm. Hedi Haug White; F.A. Susie Glasgow Brown; Co-RGC V. M. Del Greco Galgano; RG Comm. Claire Hughes Knapp.



1974, 53-strong, celebrated the Big 25th with a Boat House picnic.



'74's F. A. Nancy Mortenson Piper; Sec. Marcia Brandenburg Martinson; Co-RGC Cindy Sorenson Sutherland; Pres. Janie Reeb Chadwick; Co-RGC Ann Stuart McKie Kling.



Twenty-one alumnae children, ages 2-17, joined 1979 for the 20th!

'79's Co-RGC Cindi Little Townsend; Co-Pres. Susan Anthony Lineberry; Co-RGC Ashley Wilson Brook.



Fifteen years went by in a twinkling for 1984.

'84's Co-Pres. Elizabeth Harley Willett; RGC Gigi Collins.

'89's Sec. Emmy Leung; Co-RGC Stacey Hannon.



1989 was delighted to announce that they had surpassed their Reunion gift goal.



Mini Reunion: Former SBC professor of Italian Arnold Del Greco & Mrs. Del Greco surrounded by Class of '64; Daughter V. M. Del Greco Galgano, mid-back row between them.



1994, "newest kids on the block" back for their 5th, won the Participation Award for classes celebrating the 5th to 20th (42%), noting that most of their officers were not here "because they're at their law school graduations"!



'94's F.A. Ashley Henderson; Co-RGC Elizabeth Thigpen Landry.



Debbie Shrader '78 was honored at Convocation, retiring as executive assistant to presidents Hill and Muhlenfeld.



Casino Night at Saturday Cocktail Buffet!



Libby Harris accepts her award

LIBBY HARRIS '49 RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

Presentation of Award by Kathy Garcia Pegues '71, President of the Alumnae Association, at May 7 Dinner honoring the Class of 1949's 50th Reunion

It is a great privilege for me, as president of the Alumnae Association, to present one of the College's most prestigious honors, the Outstanding Alumna Award. Established in 1968, this recognizes alumnae who have given outstanding service to the College in a volunteer capacity. The winner for 1998 is Elizabeth "Libby" Trueheart Harris of the Class of 1949, a devoted Sweet Briar alumna, parent, and former trustee, who has a superlative record of service to her alma mater.

We're delighted that part of Libby's family is here tonight to celebrate her award. Also, President Muhlenfeld and her husband Larry Wollan; former Chairman of the Board and honorary member of the Class of 1949 Walter Brown; and so many of Libby's classmates and other Sweet Briar friends are present to share in this joyous occasion.

Libby's whole career has been one of helping others. She has put her tremendous talents and energies to work on behalf of her family, her home city of Richmond, Virginia, and Sweet Briar College. The lives of countless people in the Richmond area, and at least several generations of Sweet Briar students have been enriched because of her.

Libby graduated from the Collegiate School for Girls in Louisville, Kentucky, then came to Sweet Briar, where she was very involved in student life as president of the Board of Publications, business manager of the *Brambler*, head of Cabin, and member of Tau Phi, French Club, and Glee Club. A four-year Dean's List student, she graduated *cum laude*, majoring in biology. Maintaining a lifelong interest in science, she was an early proponent of the need for more women to enter scientific fields, and has made significant contributions to the sciences at Sweet Briar. In 1983, Libby and her daughter Mary established the Harris Pre-Med Scholarship Fund, which benefits students who plan to major in biology or biology/chemistry in preparation for medical school or other careers in the science and health fields. In 1991, Libby and her late husband Hiter served on former President Barbara Hill's Campaign Advisory Committee, and helped with the Campaign's Committee for the Sciences.

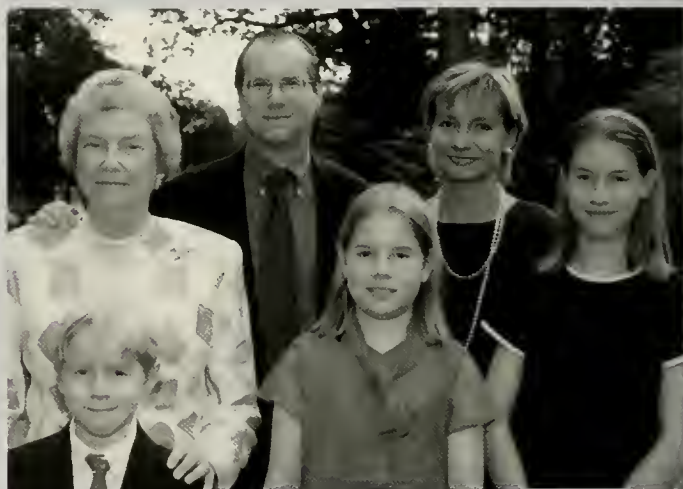
Libby's work for Sweet Briar also has concentrated on two vital areas: recruitment and fund-raising. She was an alumna admissions representative (AAR) in Richmond for many years, and active in the Richmond Alumnae Club. Elected to the Alumnae Association Board in 1978, she served two terms as National Chairman of Alumnae Admis-

sions Representatives. In 1981, she was appointed by President Whiteman to the search committee for a director of admissions. She began a third term on the Alumnae Board as chair of Region III, then was nominated by the Alumnae Association and elected in 1983 to the College's Board of Overseers, now known as the Board of Directors. From 1983-1987, she was a vigorous and influential member of the Board's committees on Admissions/Public Relations, and Development.

A former member of the Boxwood Circle Committee, Libby is a Williams Associate, having included the College in her will. In 1984, Libby was 1949's Reunion Gifts Chairman and a "challenge" donor. For the class' 40th Reunion in 1989, she was a "challenge" donor and member of the Reunion Gifts Committee. This year, she is an honorary member of the Reunion Gifts Committee and a generous donor to the class' 50th Reunion Patio Project.

In Richmond, Libby has been a leader in numerous civic and charitable organizations—too many for me to list, but let me give you a sampling: she has been a member of the boards of Retreat Hospital, the Collegiate Schools, the Virginia Home for Boys, the Council of the Virginia Museum, and Richmond's Junior League. She has chaired the Women's Division, Special Gifts section of the United Givers Fund Campaign and worked for the Tuckahoe Women's Club, the Colonial Dames of America in Virginia, and the Boxwood Garden Club. She was treasurer for Virginia's Historic Garden Week and opened the beautiful 19th-century Harris home in Irvington for Garden Week. She is a former Circle chairman and Sunday School teacher at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, and former finance chairman for her church's Women of the Church group.

This partial list of Libby's achievements may give some idea of how much she has done for so many, but it does not convey Libby's delightful personality. The 1949 *Briar Patch* states, "...her gay, amiable personality, balanced by her capacity to successfully cope with responsibility, makes her a welcome addition to any group." How restrained were the descriptions in the old yearbooks, yet how prescient! Libby has carried those qualities of gaiety and sense of duty throughout her life, coping cheerfully with responsibilities. I am honored to present to Libby the Outstanding Alumna Award, as a token of our appreciation for the generosity, in spirit and in deed, that she has shown to all who know her, and to Sweet Briar College.



Libby's family gathers before dinner: Back: Libby; son Hiter Harris III; daughter-in-law Jil Harris. Front: grandson Hiter Harris IV; granddaughters Tyler and Katie Harris

ACCEPTANCE OF OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49

When I first received the letter last June from the Alumnae Office, I delayed opening it because I assumed it was a confirmation of the reservation I had made a few days previously for the handicapped room at the Elston Inn for this Reunion. So I gathered all the mail together a few days later to take to my husband Hiter's hospital room. Imagine the shock when I read the letter naming me to this honor.

It is a very humbling experience, especially when I consider the wonderful, outstanding alumnae who have received this recognition in past years, including two of the class of '49—Preston Hodges Hill and Bunny Barnett Brown—and I wish to mention that two other '49ers, Dorothy Rouse-Bottom and Ann Henderson Bannard have been the recipients of the Distinguished Alumna Award.

I'm unaccustomed and uninclined to public speaking, unlike today's Sweet Briar students. As my friend and classmate Anne Bush Train admitted, "When roll is called I'd rather raise my hand

than speak up." I agree. However, I know that I am among friends, and I welcome the opportunity to say what Sweet Briar means to me.

When I was looking at colleges, I was accepted at Smith College and had talked my best friend into going there with me. A lovely woman named Evelyn Munger, who held a position in the Dean's office at Sweet Briar at the time, came to visit in my neighborhood in Louisville, KY. Consequently I paid a late visit in the spring of my senior year and fell in love with Sweet Briar.

When our twin daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, were thinking about college in 1974, Sweet Briar was not under consideration by them. But at my request they paid a courtesy visit to Sweet Briar. When we arrived on campus—I had not visited campus myself in several years—the girls were having admissions interviews with Nancy Baldwin and her crew, so I walked around this beautiful place with a full heart. When I crossed the road behind the library, a car screeched to a halt and out jumped Jane Belcher, my major biology professor, who gave me a heartfelt embrace. She was retired and we had not seen each other for 25 years. I told her why we were there and that Mary was

a prospective science or pre-med major. When the girls toured campus, Jane Belcher was waiting for them in the brand-new Connie Guion science building. She escorted them herself, showing them everything in the labs and telling them about the science program. Largely due to that incident Mary fell in love with Sweet Briar and enrolled. How gratifying to me to have a daughter experience Sweet Briar as I had.

Incidentally, Mary has realized her dream and is now Dr. Mary L. Harris, attending physician and associate professor at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Whiz went to Hollins College, now Hollins University. She has had a distinguished career in banking and is now a vice president of First Union Bank. I am proud of what our Virginia Women's Colleges can produce.

My relationship with Sweet Briar continued with four years on the Alumnae Board as Chairman of Alumnae Admissions Representatives. What could be more rewarding or more pleasurable than helping attract qualified students to Sweet Briar?

When I was first on the Alumnae Board, Judy Chalmers, president of the Alumnae Association at that time, quoted an article in a Lynchburg newspaper that said, "Sweet Briar alumnae have a love affair with their college." Well, I feel that Sweet Briar has been a part of me for most of my life.

May I use a quote that Mary used in her graduation address in 1979? It is from Tennyson's *Ulysses*: "I am a part of all that I have met." This brings me to mention the following: The stately and learned Miss Meta Glass, president of the College in my first two years; President Martha Lucas and her course in philosophical issues of contemporary religions of the world; the dedicated and approachable faculty—there were many, but in particular the aforementioned Dr. Belcher and her associate, Dr. Florence Hague, who were our mentors and good

friends (though we often thought of them as slave drivers in the lab); I go on to list: fellow students and classmates who have been fast friends over these 50 years; the excitement and significance of student traditions; the breathtaking beauty of the campus and the Blue Ridge Mountains; the Monument; the Cabin. I am a part of them and all have remained a part of me.

What has been the effect of this Sweet Briar experience on our lives? I believe that it has given each of us the basis for the lifelong fulfilling of our potential—or at least 50 years of attempting to fulfill our potential. I trust: that we are better thinkers; that we are more understanding and sensitive to our fellow man the world over, past and present; that we are more caring and protective of the environment; that we continue learning, and that our intellectual curiosity and creativity continue; that our spiritual lives have been deepened and enhanced; that our honesty and integrity are firm.

Thus Sweet Briar has nurtured us. As Ann Bannard's sculpture suggests, Sweet Briar has indeed given us wings.

It has given me wings in a most unexpected way. Four years ago when illness struck, doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital did not expect me to walk again. But with the caring help of doctors, nurses, and therapists at the wonderful Richmond Rehabilitation hospital, aptly named "Sheltering Arms," and with the tremendous support of family and friends, and with the strength of faith, I learned to walk again.

I believe that by the grace of God and by the wings that Sweet Briar gave me, I received the inner strength which enabled me to accept the challenge of physical disability with determination, contentment, and joy, and even to consider it a blessing.

I am grateful to Sweet Briar and I am deeply grateful for the honor you have given me.

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910: Anne Cumnock Miller*; Eugenia Griffin Burnett*; Louise Hooper Ewell*; Frances Murrell Rickards*; Annie Powell Hodges*	Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
1969 Edna Lee Guilchrist '26*	1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34*
1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30	1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and Sarah Adams Bush '43*
1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*	1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*	1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*
1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*	1989 Anne Noyes Awtry Lewis '43 and Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47
1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and Helen H. McMahon '23	1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*	1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35	1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
1977 Martha von Briesen '31 and Jacqueline Strickland Dwell '35*	1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*	1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and Mildred Newman Thayer '61
1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34	1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53	1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47	1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49	1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41	
1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46* and Jane	*deceased

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Allison Douglass

**Allison Vollmer Douglass '94
Named to High Tech Post**

Allison Douglass was recently appointed to a very exciting job, as director of new media for Southern Progress Corporation, the company which publishes *Southern Living*, *Cooking Light*, *Progressive Farmer*, *Southern Accents*, *Coastal Living* and *Weight Watchers* magazines, as well as Oxmoor House books. "At Southern Progress, we define "new media" as anything that is not traditional print," explained Allison. "Mostly that means websites, but we also oversee the licensing of content for other electronic products, such as CD-Roms. I also facilitate corporate partnerships in new media and online advertising sales and promotions."

But the most "visible" part of Allison's job is managing the day-to-day operations and team of designers and producers that keep the websites up and running. You can access all of these websites from www.southernliving.com.

"When I first joined the company in 1996 as new media producer, I was very hands-on with the websites," continued Allison. "Now I have taken on a much more strategic role. As

producer, I was coordinating the design, schedule, and selection of content from past publications and arranging for web-specific articles. However, like many other companies, we are still trying to make sense of our place in "new media," and the company felt it was time to have one person designated to manage the department and focus on the BIG picture. How are we going to make money, how do we leverage our brands, where will we be in two years, five years?"

The person chosen to tackle these critical questions was Allison, with her Sweet Briar degree in English, just five years out! As an English major, Allison had assumed she would work in an editorial capacity, so she was surprised to get a job as coordinator of business development for Jane's Information Group in Washington, D.C. in 1995. She moved into online development and acquired design and HTML knowledge. "My liberal arts education has proved very versatile," she observed. "And the opportunity to 'get involved' in so many groups at Sweet Briar has also been invaluable." As a student, Allison was vice president of the senior class and a member of the social activities board and the Earphones. Today, Allison continues to "get involved" in her community—she is website manager and member of the Communications Council for the Junior League of Birmingham, Alabama. She is also a junior patron of the Museum of Art in Birmingham where she lives with her husband William (Hampden-Sydney College '94) who is an assistant vice president of corporate lending with SouthTrust Bank.

Though describing herself as "not a high-tech person," Allison

is in the vanguard of applying the new technologies. Sweet Briar is proud of both her professional success and her contributions to her community.

**We're Proud of You,
Charlie!**

By Betty Stanly Cates '63

I first noticed Charles Weis at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, Florida. I sat one Sunday in the row behind him and, when he reached behind his head to smooth his hair, I thought I saw a Sweet Briar ring on his little finger. When we knelt to pray, I craned over the back of his pew and concluded "That's gotta be a Sweet Briar ring!"

After church, I introduced myself to him and he announced with pride that the ring had belonged to his late wife, Elizabeth Munce, Class of '43, and he wears it in her memory.

Since then I have learned that Charlie was a professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan University. This devoted Anglophile also

taught a semester in London for Syracuse University's program in Britain and used to maintain an apartment in London. He retired from academia in 1985.

Now he divides his time between Delaware, Ohio and Vero Beach. While in Florida, he plays tennis three or four times a week; he'd like to play more, but doesn't have the time. I was lucky to reach him on the telephone—he returned my call just after taking a run on our historic Jungle Trail.

I explained that I wanted to get some information about him for a feature in the Sweet Briar *Alumnae Magazine*. He quickly changed the subject to his beloved "Munce"... "She loved Sweet Briar...was a Chung Mung there...such a wonderful girl, she could do everything...We were neighbors in Charlottesville and married when we were 37...*She should have lived forever*," he told me.

What a beautiful love story.
We're proud of you, Charlie!



Jessica John '95, Charles Weis, and Lisa Thompson '88 show their Sweet Briar rings at the February 1999 reception at the Vero Beach home of Betty Cates.

**Trinity University Recognizes
Flora Cameron Crichton '46
With Distinguished Service
Award**

Flora Cameron Crichton was one of three honorees on May 8, 1999, when Trinity University in San Antonio presented its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Award, during spring commencement ceremonies.

The Distinguished Service Award was established by the University's Board of Trustees in 1973 to recognize significant contributions to the excellence of Trinity University and to the community of San Antonio. This award has been bestowed only eight times (including the three this year) in Trinity's history. Recipients are individuals who have both outstanding records of civic leadership and who have made major contributions to the growth and development of the University.

A member of the University's Board of Trustees for more than 30 years, Flo served as chair from 1976 to 1978, the first woman to chair the University's governing board. A generous supporter of

the University, her family's estate helped to endow the Everett Jones Chair of Campus Ministry at Trinity; she also endowed the *Flora Cameron Lectures in Politics & Public Affairs*, which annually bring to the campus nationally and internationally recognized leaders in the field to speak at the University.

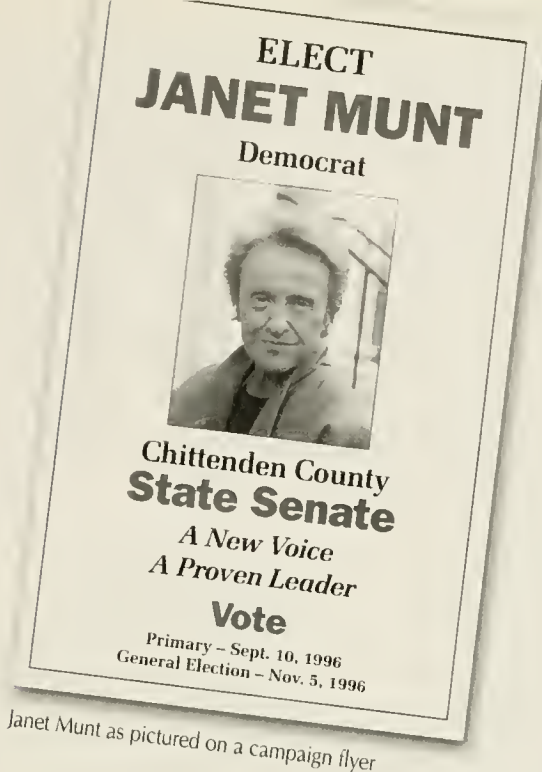
President of the Flora Cameron Foundation, she is also well known for her work for the Republican Party. She served as vice chairman of the Bush-Quayle '92 National Finance Committee, as vice chairman of the Texas Republican Party, and as co-chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee.

Flo served as the United States delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women, as a consultant to the Department of State in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, and as an advisor with Vice President Nelson Rockefeller's fact-finding mission to Latin America. Her many business and civic activities include serving as a member of the National Advisory Counsel of the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and as a trustee of the School of American Research in Santa Fe.

No stranger to the Sweet Briar campus since her graduation, Flo was our Founders' Day speaker in 1962, and a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors and Overseers from 1969 to 1974. We are proud to claim her as our own, and to salute her for the vast range of her contributions—to higher education, to her community, and to her world. In the many ways she has made a difference, she embodies Sweet Briar's mission "to prepare women to be active, responsible members of a world community."



Flo Crichton on May 8, 1999



**Janet Staples Munt '44 Elected to
Vermont State Senate**

*By Katie Wright '00
Student Intern, Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine*

On January 6, 1999, Janet Staples Munt was sworn in as a senator from Chittenden County, Vermont at the State House in Montpelier. At an age when most people simply enjoy retirement, this remarkable alumna decided to seek office in order to be an advocate for children and families. She ran on the Democratic ticket, supporting property tax reform, increased job choices for Vermonters, expansion in health and human care services, and environmental protection. Recently retired from many years of administering health and human service programs in the private sector, she still maintains a private practice in psychotherapy. She has won many professional honors over the years, including awards from the National Association of Social Workers and the YWCA.

After graduating from Sweet Briar with a degree in psychology/philosophy, Janet served in

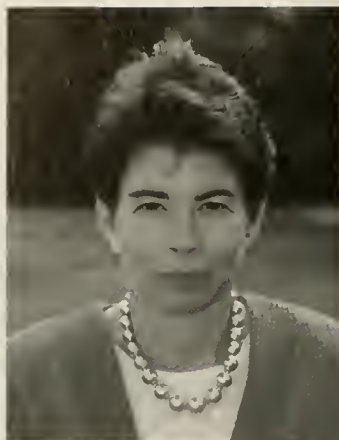
the U.S. Women's Army Corps for 22 months in Baltimore (with classmates Norma Bradley and Peggy Gordon—"What a blast!"). She then went to Camp Pickett, Virginia, became a psychiatric social worker, and later moved to Walter Reed Army Medical Center as chief psychiatric social worker. After discharge, she attended Columbia University, attaining a master's degree in social work. She also became a Board Certified Social Worker through the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

In 1950, she married Plummer Coldwell "Coco" Munt: they had first met on a blind date her freshman year at SBC. The Munts had four children and settled in Burlington, Vermont in 1957. Coco died in 1989, but Janet has been "blessed with four healthy grandchildren."

She had hoped to be at Sweet Briar last May for her 55th Reunion, but her legislative session lasted until May 15th. She notes that "Altogether, it was a challenging experience, somewhat like being a freshman again, but it was fun!"

Congratulations, Senator! We wish you continued success.

Slate for New Alumnae Association Board Members



Robin Ryan



Meg Duke



Ann Stuart Kling



Lucy Bosworth



Dotsie McLeod



Meghan Pollard

The slate shall be approved by the Board at its spring meeting, and upon approval will be published in the Alumnae Magazine. If no further nominations are received within two weeks, the slate shall be considered elected by consent. If additional nominations are received, the selection of the candidates will rest with the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association.

Nominating Chair

Robin Christian Ryan '74,
Wellesley, MA

- Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs, The Fenn School, Concord, MA
- Board of the Alumnae Association (Regional Chair 1987-91; Treasurer 1993-97)
- President, Philadelphia Club 1982-92; AAR, Wellesley

Region VIII Chair

Lucy de Oliveira Bosworth '95,
New Orleans, LA

- Manager, Information Technology Division & Executive Recruiter, Ascent Consulting Group Information Technologies, New Orleans
- Candidate for Masters of Business Administration, University of New Orleans
- New Orleans Club Co-President
- AAR, New Orleans

Region X Chair

Meg Shields Duke '76,
Englewood, CO

- Primarily homemaker, wife, & mother
- Graduate, Institute of Paralegal Studies, Philadelphia (first paralegal to serve in the White House)
- 1999 Colorado Chairman, Forbes 2000 Inc. (Presidential Campaign); Board of the Colorado Council on Economic Education
- President of Denver Club 1995-98; longtime active member

National Reunion Gifts Chair

Dotsie Woods McLeod '58,
Nashville, TN

- Former member, SBC Board of Directors
- Former Alumnae Board First Vice President, Second Vice President & Region VII Chair
- AAR since 1967
- Charter member of Williams Associates

National Reunion Gifts Chair-Elect
Ann Stuart McKie Kling '74,
Dallas, TX

- Three-quarters-time mother; part-time accounting for family business, Swiss-American Products (skin care products)
- Reunion Gifts Co-Chair for 1974's 25th Reunion; work with Reunion committees over the years
- Longtime member, Dallas Club; former Dallas Bulb Chair
- Volunteer at both children's schools, with focus on the library: St. Mark's School of Texas; The Parish Day School

Member-At-Large

Meghan Pollard '99, Metairie, LA

- *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*
- Chair, First Year Orientation; President, Chung Mungs; Academic Affairs Committee
- Admissions Tour Guide
- Intern, Miller Home of Lynchburg for Girls: ten hours per week

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The Meaning of Co-Curricular Life

Sweet Briar College blurs the distinction between formal classroom learning and student life.

From serving on a judiciary committee, to curating an art exhibit, to leading a hike through the Blue Ridge mountains, to organizing a music festival, to holding down a campus job—many of the experiences students engage in outside the classroom complement their academic pursuits and broaden their understanding of the world in general.

Because these “outside” experiences enhance and supplement the curriculum, they are called co-curricular experiences and grouped together under the heading of co-curricular life.

Dr. Valdrie Walker, dean of co-curricular life at Sweet Briar, believes that College-sponsored activities—consciously developed alongside academic programs—will play a key role in redefining women's education in the decades ahead. Though Dr. Walker arrived at SBC from the University of Virginia just a little over a year ago, she is already implementing plans to organize and expand the College's co-curricular programming.

“When Sweet Briar was founded in 1901,” says Dr. Walker, “educating women was a daring idea. Our job going forward is to maintain that aura—to be just as daring in our plans for the College today.”

“The General Education Program that went into effect last year put Sweet Briar on the cutting edge of academic reform. Faculty members are doing their jobs. Now it's our turn to step up to the plate with an equally ambitious co-curricular program for young women.”

“We want students to leave the College with a co-curricular portfolio—an impressive transcript of leadership positions, research experiences and projects, technological skills, internships and externships, campus jobs, volunteer activities, contacts and recommendations—that clearly demonstrates the value of their Sweet Briar experience.”



Dr. Valdrie Walker

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BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

While graduating seniors often rush to assemble and make sense of their co-curricular experiences at the last minute, the incoming Class of 2003 will be the first to intentionally build a co-curricular portfolio from the ground up. In addition to academic advisors, these first-year students have been paired with co-curricular advisors (CCAs), a mix of administrators, faculty, and staff whose primary responsibility is to assist students to take advantage of campus resources and co-curricular learning opportunities. CCAs will also introduce students to the concept of using a co-curricular portfolio to chronicle their "outside" experiences.

Starting this fall, first-year students will meet with their CCAs during Orientation and on an "as needed" basis throughout the year. In the spring, members of the Class of 2003 will learn how to create secure, on-line, co-

information students need to craft proposals, cover letters, resumes, and graduate school applications. But the best part, according to Career Services Director Joanne Mahanes, is that portfolios will familiarize students with the Career Center early, in an unhurried way, on a non-intimidating premise. Which is not to say that the Career Center has been sitting idle.

During the 1998-99 academic year, the career services staff handled 742 one-on-one appointments, not counting the can-you-help-me-quick walk-ins or students just popping in to ask a few questions and browse. Last year's programs—resume and interviewing workshops, career fairs and conferences, Alumnae-In Residence discussions and receptions, a corporate etiquette dinner, and recruiter panels and presentations—attracted a combined total of over 2,100 current students and alumnae.

Joanne Mahanes' goals for last year also included launching an externship program. Externships are alumna-sponsored, week-long work experiences that take place during winter break, spring break, or summer. The purpose of an externship is to let a student "try on" or test a career before committing to a longer paid or unpaid internship, applying to graduate school, or searching for a permanent position.

"Externships are not my idea," says Mahanes. "My spin, however, is to pair our students with alumnae whenever possible. The response so far has been wonderful. Alumnae are receptive to the idea of helping students make connections as they transition from academics to the world of work."

Five alumnae sponsors and seven students participated in a trial run of the externship program last year. Some of their experiences can be found in the "Sweet Briar Alumnae Network" article in this issue. Because



Joanne Mahanes

curricular portfolios through the career services website.

Co-curricular portfolios will give students an opportunity to assess, organize, and articulate both their academic and co-curricular accomplishments, while contemplating their long-term goals. Portfolios will also come in handy, providing instant, electronic access to the personal

SBC CAREER SERVICES FOUR-YEAR PLAN

First Year: *Self-Assessment.* Students can take inventory tests that provide insightful information regarding career preferences and technical strengths. They are encouraged to begin exploring career fields of interest. Through carefully planned workshops, students take the first steps toward constructing effective resumes, outlining career goals, and establishing co-curricular portfolios.

Second Year: *Exploration.* Students continue to explore career fields of interest. They attend advanced workshops on constructing resumes, writing cover letters, interviewing, and internet job searching. Beginning in their second year, students participate in externship opportunities, exploring career fields through work experiences provided by alumnae. They also begin developing a co-curricular portfolio that reflects their experiences outside the classroom.

Third Year: *Experiential.* During the third year students are expected to participate in either focused and aggressive career research or preparation for graduate school. Interviewing and job search techniques are enhanced while students continue building their co-curricular portfolios. Internship opportunities are emphasized. Internships consist of both on-and off-campus employment. Students receive assistance with graduate and professional school entrance exams, applications, and interviews.

Fourth Year: *Lifetime Application.* Fourth year students are assisted in the formal aspects of job searching. Information gathered over three years—inventory tests, externship and internship experiences, resumes, and co-curricular portfolios—provide the documented references seniors need to prepare for job fairs and interviews. Sweet Briar participates in major job-search opportunities such as the "Focus on Women and Work" Conference and annual Careers and CHALLENGE job fairs. Through mock interviews and corporate etiquette dinners/seminars, Sweet Briar students are provided ample opportunities to manage the transition from academics to careers.

externships take place over breaks, these one-week career experiences have the potential to both replace and increase the type of offerings students used to engage in during the recently-retired winter term.

The externship program is one facet of a larger career services plan to establish alumnae satellite career centers across the U.S. and around the globe—all linked through the SBC career services website. In the not-too-distant future, alumnae volunteers in regional satellite centers will serve as resources for current students pursuing externships and internships, investigating graduate school programs, or seeking employment upon graduation. They will also be able to serve as welcome contacts for alumnae who are “re-careering” or considering graduate school.

The satellite center pilot program will call on alumnae in the Chicago area to start, with plans to expand to Atlanta, Dallas,

Denver, Miami, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. The College would also like to identify alumnae in England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Scotland and Spain—countries where Sweet Briar students study abroad. Joanne Mahanes has no illusions about the effort required to get a complete, worldwide network up and running. She would, however, like to at least have the Chicago satellite pilot program in place by Sweet Briar’s 2001 centennial.

A COMMUNITY POISED FOR CHANGE

Back on campus, career services has established a new four-year plan to help students acquire interpersonal skills and develop job-search strategies in preparation for their eventual moves into careers or graduate and professional programs. First-year students and sophomores engage in

self-assessment and exploration workshops and exercises. Juniors and seniors focus on gaining experience and planning for life after college.

The four-year plan draws on the resources of the entire Sweet Briar community. Moving through a series of sensible steps—inventory tests, interviewing and job search workshops, internships and other experiential learning opportunities—students will be able to test their leadership, problem-solving skills, teamwork skills, adaptability, and self-confidence, while being assisted by faculty, administrators, staff, and alumnae who comprise a unique Sweet Briar network.

In addition to implementing all of these changes—from co-curricular portfolios to alumnae satellite centers—career services is gearing up to assume control of the work-study or campus jobs program formerly administered by the Office of Financial Aid.

This summer, career services added a new coordinator, Ann L. Reed, whose responsibilities include overseeing the work-study transition from financial aid to career services. Ann came from Chatham Hall where she was associate director of admissions for two years. She also worked in the career placement office of The Florida State University School of Law while getting her M.S. in higher education at The Florida State University.

“No other college or university is coordinating work-study through career services,” says Ann. “This is a brand new tool and I expect that, when we have it perfected, we’ll be touting it. Among other things, campus employment opportunities will be posted at the career services website. Students will submit cover letters and resumes to the Career Center, and then interview with supervisors in academic departments, administrative offices, and campus services as part of the hir-

ing process. It will be great preparation for any future application process, including full-time positions or graduate studies.”

Because the Career Center is the locus of innumerable connections between students’ academic aspirations and life beyond the College, it is the area of co-curricular life currently undergoing the most dramatic change. Joanne Mahanes is up to the task. “I am proof,” she says, “that internships lead to full-time positions which, in turn, launch careers.”

Joanne’s student work-study job in admissions at her alma mater, Hofstra University in New York, led to a full-time counselor position her senior year. By the time she completed her master’s in education and received her professional diploma in counseling at Hofstra, she was an associate director. In 1984, Joanne joined the admissions staff at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton. There, at the age of 29, she became the youngest director of admissions in the country.

After three years at FAU, Joanne married and moved to Charlottesville. She accepted a position in the Office of Career Planning and Placement at the University of Virginia, where she worked for 11 years.

During her time at UVA, Joanne also initiated corporate etiquette dinners/seminars for students, which enhanced corporate fund-raising and attracted the attention of the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*, among others.

Last spring, Joanne’s CAREER MATTERS consulting firm was featured in the *American Airlines In Flight* magazine. Though corporate etiquette is not her main focus (CAREER MATTERS does not even have a brochure), consulting does keep her in touch with the needs and expectations of educational institutions and corporate employers.

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After Sweet Briar's commencement in May 2000, during Joanne's summer vacation, CAREER MATTERS is heading to Europe. The firm is contracted to facilitate corporate etiquette dinners/seminars for financial institutions in Amsterdam and London, the International School of Vienna, and the American School of Warsaw.

"At these seminars," says Joanne, "I always identify myself not as the founder of CAREER MATTERS, but as the director of career services at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. In the same spirit, while I'm traveling, it would be great to touch base with alumnae living abroad."

Joanne arrived at Sweet Briar just one year ago. Her vision for the SBC Career Services Center is inspired by President Muhlenfeld and fueled by a community poised for change.

"We are striving to set Sweet Briar apart by showing how a liberal arts education for women translates into success in the working world. We want to make prospective students aware of the Career Center; assist our current students from Orientation through graduation; and extend our reach to serve alumnae in all phases of their careers.

"A big part of the Career Center's success rests with alumnae—and not only in terms of sponsoring externships or participating in satellite programs. We also need feedback. We would like to know what the Career Center could be doing or should be doing as we set our priorities.

"I'm here because I believe this is one of the most exciting places I can be right now. And based on the conversations I've had with alumnae so far, my perception of Sweet Briar appears to be right on target."

THE SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE NETWORK

Sweet Briar is making it easier than ever for students to engage in experiential learning and job opportunities across the United States and around the globe. In the coming years, the Office of Career Services plans to formalize and expand existing relationships among students, faculty, and alumnae. If the commitment and performance of the current Sweet Briar alumnae network is a harbinger of things to come, students in the next century can look forward to lifelong access to a professional Career Services Center supported by an increasingly organized, accomplished bunch of "old girls."

Seeing Is Believing

Before the start of spring semester 1999, the Hon. Lydia Calvert Taylor '62 arranged for Sweet Briar sophomore Amanda Jones to spend a week-long externship behind the scenes at the 4th Judicial Circuit Court in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

Most professional women have little time to spare and Judge Taylor has even less. Yet she gladly responded to the request from SBC's career services, paving the way for Amanda to gain a meaningful, insider's look at the legal profession.

"Everyone," reports Amanda, "went out of their way to make sure I was comfortable and getting what I needed to make the

experience worthwhile." She is sold on the one-week extern concept, saying that "The short time makes the process more intense. But you end up with an honest picture of what the possibilities are before you take the next step toward an internship or graduate school."

Asked why she went out of her way to show Amanda the ropes, Judge Taylor answered, "There is not a single successful professional or businessperson I know who was not helped along the way. We pull each other up the mountainside: someone gives you a hand up and you turn around and extend a hand down." It sounds like a pretty straightforward process, but it's not—not at all. And that is something Judge Taylor wanted Amanda to know, too. Though it's fashionable to talk about "career paths" these days, a more realistic description may be a crooked road, constantly under construction, with very bad signage.

"I'll tell you an amusing story," says Judge Taylor. "When I was appointed to the bench in 1985, a reporter asked me why I did not go to law school right after I graduated from Sweet Briar. He never printed my reply. This is more or less what I said:

"My father was a state court judge, my step-grandfather was a federal judge, one uncle was a law professor at the University of Virginia, and another uncle was the head of the legal department at what is now CSX. My brother and every male first cousin in my family are lawyers. Yet, I did not know that a woman could be a lawyer. I honestly did not know.

"My father went on the bench when I was four years old. Growing up, I met all the lawyers in Norfolk. It never even



Lydia Calvert Taylor '62

occurred to me that I could be one of them.

"I was lacking prescience. I was not visionary enough to picture something I did not see—which is the way many of us are: we discern our options based on what we see in front of us. I did not go to law school in 1962 because I did not see how it could be done. No one who looked like me was doing it."

Many of the bright young women Lydia Taylor knew in 1962 became engaged during college or married shortly thereafter. She chose a different route. Lydia bought a Volkswagen Beetle in Paris and drove around Europe for three months with Rue Wallace Judd '61 and May Belle Scott Rausch '62.

"I shipped the car home from Lisbon," Lydia recalls, "and went to work as a copyboy for the *Washington Post*—a lowly position, believe me! I was a British history major and English minor at Sweet Briar,

so I certainly had what it took to work my way up to the head of the copyboy staff. From there, I became a reporter with hopes of eventually working abroad. I quit after three and a half years, however, because, clearly, it was a 20-year task to qualify as a foreign correspondent."

After leaving the *Washington Post*, Lydia painted her VW Beetle an impossible-not-to-spot bright yellow and drove the Pan American highway as far as it would go.

"You could not drive through Colombia back then," Lydia recalls. "The road had not been completed because of the bandits. It was too expensive to ship the car from Panama City. Instead, I flew directly to Ecuador to attend the University in Quito for three months."

A case of appendicitis landed Lydia back in the States where she enrolled at Old Dominion

University (ODU). She took history courses and added a teaching certificate to the mix to help fund her graduate studies. She excelled during her first semester, winning a Graduate Incentive Fellowship from the State of Virginia. She taught during the summer of 1967 in Norfolk's newly integrated public school system. After another year at ODU, she became the University's first Fulbright Scholar.

Lydia spent a year and a half as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Chile, writing a master's thesis on the Christian Democratic Party's Youth Movement and its connection to the Catholic Church. She fell in love with a law student just before Salvador Allende came to power in 1970. The newlyweds built a house in the middle of a revolution—a move Lydia does not recommend to anyone. She left the country three years later, and resumed her studies at ODU. She waited there for her husband, who made it out of Chile with only 11 days to spare before a bloody military coup toppled the Allende coalition.

The couple remained in the U.S., moving near the University of Texas in Austin where Lydia edited books for four years while putting her husband through graduate school. They separated in 1977, and she returned to Norfolk, VA, with a toddler and an 18-month-old baby.

She lived with her mother and commuted daily to law school in Williamsburg.

Though a number of events inspired Lydia to enter law school at William and Mary, she says "One of the most memorable was seeing Jill Volner, the special assistant to

Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, mincing up the Supreme Court steps in a mini skirt."

Talking with her female colleagues over



Amanda Jones (rt.) with Jesse Jackson and Angela Aiken '01

the years, Lydia discovered that the same image—seeing a woman lawyer at the center of power—had a profound effect on others as well.

Lydia was in the top of her class throughout her law school career. She clerked for the United States District Court Judge Walter E. Hoffman, whose distinguished career included presiding over the 1973 criminal trial of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. It was a remarkable, invaluable experience which Judge Taylor works to duplicate for her law clerks today—and for Sweet Briar students like Amanda Jones.

"During the week she was here, I fell into the habit of treating Amanda like a law clerk, forgetting that she was still an undergraduate. Part of it was that she was bright and able enough to meet the challenge. I hope she realized that she can do this; she can go to law school and beyond if that is what she wants.

"Then again," Judge Taylor laughs, "Amanda may have completely changed her mind about a law career after our lunch date with Jane Chadwick '74. Jane is a stockbroker with Paine-Webber and, I have to admit, she made the whole business sound very exciting."

E-mail message to Alumnae Office
7/29/99:

"Now I Know Why!"

To Whom it may Concern:

I have long heard what a wonderful Alumnae Office Sweet Briar has. During this summer's break, I figured out why! It's the SBC alumnae!!

Plain and simple, without the help of an SBC alum, I would not have had the wonderful growing experiences that I am enjoying this summer. Not only did alums help with my housing, but they also were vital influences helping me secure an internship. High and low, long and hard, I had searched for the perfect international internship in DC. They made it happen!

I wanted to express a special thanks to Michela English '71, who was so helpful in putting me in touch with the right people at the Discovery Channel, where I am currently interning. It has been a wonderful experience, and I have loved every moment of this program. I would also like to thank Kam Henderson '97 and Heather Aspinwall '95 for putting me up (& putting up with me) this summer. I also appreciate the many nice alums who were so forthcoming with advice for anything and everything!

This summer has been so adventuresome and rewarding. None of it could have been possible without the alumnae of Sweet Briar. Thanks so much!

—Emily Reeh, Class of 2001

The Sister Act



Jane Reeb Chadwick '74 and sister, Molly Reeb Nissman '77

"One of the joys of going to Sweet Briar," says Jane Reeb Chadwick '74, "is being part of a community that reaches beyond the campus. I had just moved to Norfolk and started a job with PaineWebber when I bumped into Judge Lydia Taylor '62. We had a great conversation—really hit it off—and in the process, of course, discovered that we were both Sweet Briar graduates.

"I don't remember if our extern Elizabeth Finch '02 mentioned it, or if career services told me, but as soon as I heard that Lydia was sponsoring a student too, I picked up the phone to suggest that we all get together. Given her busy schedule, Lydia was really the one who made it happen. I think both of us wanted to share more than just our career experiences. Sweet Briar connections are also about friendships."

In the processes of ending a 20-year marriage and relocating to Norfolk, VA, Jane found herself calling on all the resources she had developed at Sweet Briar: tenacity, flexibility, and terrific friends. "I have always been an advocate for the College," says Jane. "But this transition has renewed my enthusiasm. It is never too late to make changes in your life. It's a lesson I learned at Sweet Briar—that I had the

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Elizabeth Finch '02

inner resources, the courage to initiate change."

For almost a decade, Jane, an English major, had been working for Ralph Lauren's Polo Corporation, handling all of the department store accounts in the Gulf states: Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. At the same time, Jane's sister, Molly Reeb Nissman '77, was in Norfolk, working as a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch. After Jane settled into her new job as a financial advisor for PaineWebber, she talked Molly into jumping ship. Molly is now an account vice president at PaineWebber where the two sisters often work together, developing investment seminars for women.

The success of their educational series, "Women on Wall

Street," is bringing Jane and Molly a measure of celebrity. They have appeared on local television and in magazines like *Portfolio*. "They call us The Sister Act," says Jane. "And we do make a great team."

Both sisters excel at helping women overcome the intimidation of dealing with financial planning.

Molly, a government major, applied at Merrill Lynch after graduation in 1977. She had the absurd notion that she wanted to be a stockbroker. Based on her campus job as bookkeeper at the Sweet Briar library, the company granted her an entry-level position.

"Everyone thought I was crazy," Molly recalls. "I was only making \$7,500 a year as a bookkeeper at Merrill Lynch. Coming from Sweet Briar, I thought I could do anything. I had no sense that I was attempting to break into a male domain. It should have been obvious: in an office of 40 brokers, there was only one other woman and she was considered a real renegade."

After a while, Molly received a promotion to sales assistant. The move put her closer to the action, where it became clear to Molly that she could handle a "man's job."

"I went into my manager and told him that I wanted to be a broker and go on commission. He let me know that I'd never be able to make a living, but he let me go ahead anyway."

The dynamic sisters detected

a like spirit in their extern, Elizabeth Finch '02. "We had a big project with a tough deadline," says Jane. "Beth got the gist of it, rolled up her sleeves, and went to work. She was based in the 'bull pen' with me, so while she was working she got to see and hear what new brokers go through. This is not a job for the faint of heart."

Beth was surprised at how much she was able to squeeze into just one week. "I spent a month at my last internship," she says, "and did not get half of what I got out of PaineWebber. A lot of it, of course, was due to the fact that I was working with alumnae. Molly and Jane went 150 percent out of their way to show me the ropes."

While Molly appreciates the compliment, she knows that Beth has the ability to fly without alumnae support. "At the end of Beth's externship, people in the office were eager to know if she was coming back. It goes to show that a one-week 'trial period' can lead to future opportunities. Beth worked hard and really fit in."

In addition to co-sponsoring Beth's externship, Jane was able to return to campus last April to meet with both students and prospective students as part of the Alumna-in-Residence Program. "I spoke to a group of about 30 students, offering career information and some advice I wish I had received at that age. Several students have called with questions since then, which is exactly what I wanted to happen. Students need to know that they can and should call an alumna contact when they're trying to make important decisions."

Every Connection Counts

While the Alumna-in-Residence Program focuses on bringing Sweet Briar graduates together with current students, another offering called "Focus on Women and Work" includes Sweet Briar, Randolph-Macon, Mary Baldwin, and Hollins. This fall, Sweet Briar is hosting the conference. In 1998, when Julia K. Sutherland '78 participated, the conference was held at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Julia is a senior vice president at Powell Tate, a Washington, D.C. public relations powerhouse. Her presentation caught the attention of SBC senior Rachel Barnard '99 who sat in the audience thinking, "Wow! Maybe this is me." About the same time, another SBC senior, Jennifer Lee '99, was hearing good things about Powell Tate from her friends at the University of Virginia. Both students converged on the career services office, hoping to arrange externships.

Julia was prepared—really, overly prepared—to sponsor Jennifer and Rachel. Powell Tate has a year-round program which offers internships lasting four to six months. The challenge for

Julia was condensing the same types of experiences Powell Tate ordinarily provides into a one-week format.

"You're going to love this story," says Julia. "Because Powell Tate is team focused, we're broken into groups of six to twelve. Each group has an internship coordinator. I spoke with my coordinator and, because Jennifer Lee was a government major, we assigned her to my group. No problem. Rachel Barnard was an international affairs major, so I went to the international group and asked them if they would take an intern for a week. Now, here's the secret: the internship coordinator's mother and sister both went to Sweet Briar. I went in waving the Sweet Briar banner and he graciously agreed to accommodate Rachel."

In addition to taking part in research for their groups, Jennifer and Rachel had the opportunity to conduct interviews with people working at all levels throughout the company, including Carter White House veteran Jody Powell and Reagan White House veteran Sheila Tate.

"The men and women I spoke with were candid," reports Rachel, "giving me a sense of their responsibilities and even their salaries. Julia also arranged a brown bag lunch with younger employees who shared their career paths and the unexpected turns they had taken."

As it turns out, the brown bag lunch also benefited Powell Tate.

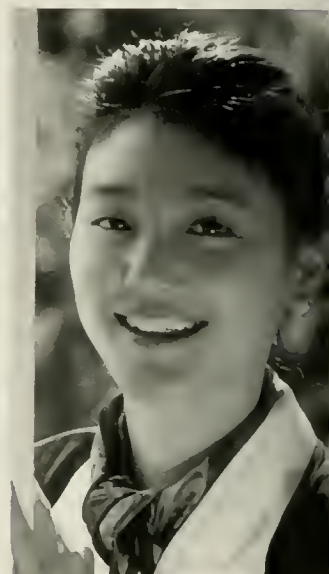
"When you work with people day in and day out," explains Julia, "you tend to know only what they do in their current capacity. You forget that people have past experiences that—in a consulting relationship—may be of value to clients. Going forward, we're

job she ever had—and also took on an additional 40 hours per week working as a volunteer for Chuck Robb's campaign for Virginia governor.

All the extra effort paid off when Julia was offered a job assisting Robb's press secretary, a man who would serve as Julia's mentor for the next several years.

On the heels of a successful campaign, Julia moved out of politics into state government. But her mentor insisted that, if Julia wanted to grow, she should accept a position as the communications director for the Virginia state Democratic Party. The chairman of the party just happened to be the same man Julia worked for as a legal secretary a few years earlier. By 1988, she was in Washington, D.C., serving

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Julia K. Sutherland '78 (left), Jennifer Lee '99

using the brown bag lunch as a model to better inform each other and other teams about who we are. It was a good thing that Jennifer and Rachel did for us."

Julia's own story provides some valuable advice for SBC alumnae and students alike. She graduated in 1979 as a government major who thought she wanted to go to law school. After bouncing through a series of temporary paralegal positions, Julia landed a full-time position as a legal secretary—the hardest

as U. S. Senator Chuck Robb's press secretary.

"I was too old to be on the hill," says Julia. "I was 32 and, looking around, everyone was younger than I. I needed to do something else, and I did exactly what Sweet Briar career services told me to do: I went out and lined up informational interviews with every public relations person I could find. I also ended each interview exactly the way Sweet Briar career services had suggested, I said: *Thank you so much for*

your time. Is there anyone else you would recommend I meet with? Would you call and ask if they would meet with me? And people did. They called. It worked."

Julia accepted a position in the public affairs division of Fleishman Hillard, an international public relations firm. Two and a half years later, she got a call from Powell Tate. The call was not entirely out of the blue. Sheila Tate was one of the people Julia had interviewed during her search for career information.

"Part of what the externs found out by talking to me and all the other people around here, is that every experience, every job, and every contact counts. I also let Jennifer Lee, the extern in my group, know that if she did not have a full-time position when she graduated in the spring, she was welcome to come back as a full-fledged intern."

Knowing she could return to Powell Tate emboldened Jennifer to go after the job she really wanted, a position with Prudential Individual Financial Services. A government major with a history minor and a teaching certificate, she had put together a portfolio of co-curricular experiences including: interning with a small political consulting firm in support of education; a semester at American University; working for the Korea society, a non-profit awareness group; and student teaching on the high school level.

Jennifer felt that the job at Prudential would enable her to apply her academic skills and previous experience in the process of helping people—and women in particular—achieve financial security. The position was a long shot and she used all of the resources career services had to offer. "The career services director, Joanne Mahanes, is going to remember me for a long time," says Jennifer. "I was so stressed out, going through 6 interviews in 5 months. But I made it. I

graduated May 1st and was in the office and at my desk on May 3rd."

Among the people she works with, Jennifer is the youngest by four years and one of only two women in an office with 38 employees. "If you speak with Joanne Mahanes or Julia Sutherland," says Jennifer, "thank them again for me."

Like Jennifer, Rachel Barnard '99 emerged from her externship at Powell Tate pumped up and ready to shape her future. The people she had interviewed at Powell Tate also asked her questions, and the exchange helped to clarify her goals. As the week progressed, she found herself veering back on a path she had abandoned halfway through her Sweet Briar experience.

"I entered Sweet Briar thinking biology/premed and did the coursework. Then, I switched to international affairs and went abroad. The people I spoke with at Powell Tate suggested merging both interests in a career with the International Red Cross or the American Health Care Association. They gave me a list of options and helped me realize that I didn't have to choose between my interests. I can enter an accelerated master's program in nursing and go from there. After the week was over, I was so incredibly glad I took the opportunity. They put me back on the right track."

Though Rachel intends to go to nursing school eventually, she decided to limit herself to one course in anatomy and physiology this summer. It was a wise choice given all the other work she has to do. Rachel applied and was accepted into the prestigious Virginia Governor's Fellows Program, where she was assigned to the secretary of health and human services.

The Governor's Fellows

Amy Campbell '97, a graduate student at the University of Virginia, is in the process of writing her master's thesis on United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Amy has received permission from Justice Ginsburg to research her papers at the Library of Congress. It is an astonishing opportunity. Living Justices do not release their papers. But Amy has already begun sifting through the small portion Justice Ginsburg has elected to make available: 24 boxes spanning 11 years, the time she spent with the ACLU's Women's Rights Project.

Sitting in the Library of Congress, deciphering notes scrawled on the side of briefs used in landmark cases, is not something Amy set out to do. It is rather, Amy has decided, something she was meant to do. The difference requires some explaining.

Amy was a premed major at Sweet Briar. Because she had also taken a slew of government courses, she was advised to double major. It was one of those no-big-deal decisions that would later prove pivotal. The night before she was scheduled to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Amy got food poisoning. It was already August, meaning she would have to wait another year to apply to medical school.

Amy thought about going to graduate school in biology. Up until that point, she had not considered research. She was the active, outgoing type—working as a resident advisor and logging up to 30 hours per week with the local rescue squad. She had always pictured herself as an emergency room physician. Now, suddenly, she wasn't so sure.

"The more I looked into it,"

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Amy Campbell '97

says Amy, "the more the idea of research intrigued me. That's when Professor Perry took me aside and said: If you think you're interested in research, go to graduate school in government; you'll be great at it. So, I did. And it's been a whirlwind ever since. Getting food poisoning was an omen. I am very happy."

In the middle of a challenging first year at UVA, Amy picked up a student newspaper and spotted a notice for the Virginia Governor's Fellows Program. The highly-competitive program

was open to graduating seniors and degree candidates in graduate or professional school. Amy decided to investigate the program for herself and for government students back at Sweet Briar. She then forwarded the information and applications to Professor Perry and career services.

The following summer, Amy and Susan Barney '98 were invited into the program. Amy was assigned to the secretary of education. Susan went to the Governor's Mansion. Both students felt they had ended up in the right place.

"One man on the interview panel," says Amy, "asked me questions about educational policy. It was a subject I was prepared to address, so I let fly. I had no idea that I was talking to Secretary of Education Will Bryant. If he did introduce himself, I was too nervous to note it. Secretary Bryant told me later he selected me during that interview."

Susan Barney '98, a government major with a business management certificate, hit the ground running in the Governor's Mansion. Her

responsibilities included planning and executing events, scheduling docents, handling correspondence, updating manuals and procedures, and staying late to help manage receptions.

"It is not a passive experience," says Susan. "The program selects well-rounded students who are capable of making a contribution in exchange for the wonderful opportunities the program offers. Your experience is not limited to your assignment. For example, all Fellows have lunch with each of the cabinet secretaries. Field trips and seminars provide an outstanding window into the workings of state government. You receive a lot and you're expected to give a lot in return."

Susan knows all about the selection criteria for the Governor's Fellows Program because she is now the coordinator. When her fellowship ended, Susan stayed on as a special assistant to the governor. In addition to coordinating the Fellows Program, Susan oversees interns and handles a tremendous amount of correspondence.

During the 1998-99 academic year, Susan made sure that SBC

career services had updated materials on the program. Career services, in turn, invited Amy Campbell back to campus to talk about her fellowship and graduate school experiences. As a former resident advisor, Amy recognized many of the students she was addressing. In fact, quite a few of her advisees had stayed in touch, including Rachel Barnard '99.

Rachel left her externship at Powell Tate with the goal of combining her interests in medicine and international affairs. Amy, a premed and government major herself, understood the challenge and encouraged Rachel to try integrating her talents and skills in the Fellows Program.

Rachel is delighted with her position, working for Secretary of Health and Human Services Claude Allen. "Don't get me wrong," says Rachel. "I enjoyed Washington, D.C., and I am grateful to the people at Powell Tate for helping me focus. But there is something about state government—it's more down-home, more personal."

The outcome of Amy Campbell's pivotal bout of food poisoning and subsequent switch to graduate school at the

University of Virginia does not end here. "Amy Campbell," says Director of Career Services Joanne Mahanes, "is the reason why I knew I wanted to be at Sweet Briar."

When Amy applied for the Governor's Fellows Program, Joanne was serving as coordinator of career development and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UVA. Joanne, who participated in placing Amy in the Fellows Program, was aware that Amy was an SBC graduate. However, Joanne was hesitant to let anyone know she was thinking about making a career move.

"Some time later," says Joanne, "I was at a program featuring Virginia State Senator Emily Couric. A student in the back of the room stood up and prefaced her question by saying: *My name is Amy Campbell. I am a 1997 graduate of Sweet Briar College and I want you to know that I am glad to see someone who looks like me in your position.* That's when I decided I had to break my career-move silence and go over and talk to this woman."



Susan Barney '98 (far left) and Rachel Barnard '99 (front row, second from right) pose with Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore, the First Lady and other staffers.

My Kind of Town

Kristine Bria '99 returned to campus for her senior year with great expectations and angst about graduation and beyond. After spending her junior year abroad in Italy, she wondered how to approach life after SBC, specifically, employment options. A double Italian and history major, she was not sure what she wanted to do. But one thing was certain — she was leaving the East Coast.

"After living in Italy," says Kristine, "I knew I wanted to try something new, to look for an opportunity in a major city in the Mid-West or the West Coast. That's about as far as I got. I was feeling anxious until I met with the staff in career services. They were terrific. They helped me focus and think JOB."

Kristine began to concentrate on the next steps: refining her resume, exploring externship possibilities, and getting ready for job fairs. While her friends were signing up for Careers '99 conferences in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., she decided to head to the Chicago Careers '99 conference instead. The city had at

least two things going for it: it was culturally rich and, as the largest city in the Mid-West, it was also rich with professional opportunities.

While the conference in Chicago turned out to be similar to the job fairs offered closer to campus, the Sweet Briar alumnae network in Chicago went beyond Kristine's wildest expectations. "I couldn't believe it," says Kristine. "In fact, I'm probably still in shock. I met these brilliant, friendly, sharp businesswomen who loved the College—they were even wearing their rings."

In her hurry to get to the Chicago conference, Kristine received permission to bend



Kristine Bria '99

SBC career services rules. "Ordinarily," Kristine explains, "career services insists that students write alumnae in advance to arrange informational interviews. I was leaving for Chicago and didn't have time to wait for a response. The director, Joanne Mahanes, suggested I call ahead instead. I called Christine Davis

Boulware '77, a Chicago alumna, because we had the same first name."

Christine Boulware knows a little something about job hunting. She is the president of Boulware and Associates, Inc., an executive search firm that recruits senior-level professionals for corporations, the public sector, and non-profit organizations.

At Sweet Briar, Christine majored in political economy, an interdisciplinary course of study that allowed her to engage in faculty-sponsored and independent projects. Working with professors Milan Hapala and Reuben Miller, for example, she was able to study the history of apartheid in South Africa and conduct related interviews with members of the U.S. Export Import Bank and the United Nations. Christine and other students with an interest in economics also succeeded in persuading the College to include business and accounting courses in the curriculum.



Christine Davis Boulware '77

"The College has always been incredibly responsive to the needs of students. During my tenure, no one thought too much about exit strategies. There was not a formal, institutional process in place beyond graduation to really support career networking. Not that it didn't happen. The

point is that alumnae regrouped primarily to support admissions and development activities.

"Today, of course, Sweet Briar sees the value of creating a natural segue for students leaving the College and starting their careers. Alumnae are being asked to contribute to the success of graduating students and it's exciting. It's exciting not only for juniors and seniors, but also for our alumnae community."

Two months after graduation in 1977, Christine eloped to Boston. "It was a true elopement," says Christine. "I had no money and no clue what I was going to do. I walked into a Kelly Girl office and, as luck would have it, the woman who ran the agency was a Sweet Briar graduate, Judy Bensen Stigle '67. She hired me within a month to permanently join her organization. Later I found a position working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Fiscal Affairs.



Sherri Manson '79

Christine Boulware met Kristine Bria and the two spent the afternoon exploring the city and discussing ideas for employment over dinner. Christine invited Kristine to return over her spring break as an extern with Boulware and Associates, Inc. Kristine accepted the offer and

Christine's director of research put together a project that suited Kristine's interests.

"I was in this huge, beautiful office in downtown Chicago, researching and writing a report on corporate travel and the hospitality industry," says Kristine. "It was a great experience — especially getting together with students



Left to right, Nicole Rodriguez '00, Sherri Manson '79, and Kristine Bria '99 at the Art Institute of Chicago

and alums over dinner. That's when I met Sherri Manson '79. And that's also when I introduced my friend Nicole Rodriguez '00 to Christine Boulware and Sherri Manson. I just kept thinking: Wow, this is amazing!"

Sherri Manson is currently the vice president and chief administrative officer of The Foundation Group, Ltd., a private equity investment firm. At Sweet Briar, she was an economics major and French minor, who participated in sports, student government, and class activities. Sherri spent the spring semester of her junior year abroad in Paris. The experience sparked her desire to continue learning about other cultures; she has since traveled through Europe,

and to Hong Kong and China.

After graduating, Sherri returned home to Philadelphia and began her professional career in banking, going through a training program at what is now PNC National Bank, N.A. She became an assistant branch manager and was busy overseeing daily operations when one day one of her customers talked her into going to work for a private construction company. It was that experience—working with entrepreneurs on the other side of the banking fence — which inspired her to join her brother in Chicago and complete an M.B.A. program at Keller Graduate School of Business.

While in graduate school, Sherri worked full-time in the accounting department of Altheimer & Gray, a Chicago-based law firm, managing the firm's client funds that were held in escrow. In 1997, with her new M.B.A. in hand, she joined The Foundation Group, Ltd., a private equity investment firm founded by her brother, which focuses on structuring and financing middle-market leveraged buyouts.

Because Christine travels extensively as part of her work, Sherri was in a much better position to pick up the alumnae network ball. During dinner, Sherri helped Kristine solidify her plans to move to Chicago and find a job. She also agreed to assist Nicole Rodriguez in finding a paid summer internship in Chicago.

Nicole, a government major, proved easy for Sherri to place. As Sherri explains, "Nicole had previous experience working for the Illinois Housing and Development Authority. Also, during a semester at American University in Washington, D.C., she interned with the Offender Supervision Agency, monitoring and maintaining a post-probation program for 60

adult sex offenders. Because she had extensive internship experience, I was able to send her resume to a friend at the department of planning and development for the City of Chicago."

Nicole was offered a paid internship, auditing internal loan programs for businesses in impoverished Chicago communities for the department of planning and development. It was a busy summer. In addition to her job, Nicole was studying for the LSAT examination she will take in October.

"When you start out," says Nicole, "you think choosing a major is the most important step you can make toward a career. But it's not. Gaining practical experience in the field or interning might even help you pick your major. In addition, interning puts you in touch with people you wouldn't meet otherwise. The relationship that Christine, Sherri, Kristine and I have established will last the rest of our lives."

Sherri also helped to turn Kristine Bria's wishes into a real success story. Kristine was determined to move to Chicago with or without a job opportunity or a place to live. With that in mind, Sherri started sending her information about potential employment opportunities and affordable apartments near transportation and shopping. Kristine made the calls, scheduled job interviews upon her arrival in Chicago, and narrowed the apartment search. Sherri visited the apartments Kristine chose and, as it turned out, they found a great studio apartment downtown, just a block away from Sherri.

With Sherri's assistance and guidance, Kristine moved from Sweet Briar to Chicago immediately after graduation.

Between May 1st and July 15th, she held two temporary positions: one with William Blair, an investment banking firm, and the other with Fact Flow, a medical research marketing firm.

Kristine expressed an interest in the field of human resources. She interviewed for positions—many of them through Sherri's contacts—in corporate human resources departments. But eventually it became clear that previous experience was required across the board. There had to be someplace to start, and by mid-July Kristine found it in the admissions department of the Harrington Institute of Design as a recruiter and an administrative assistant.

"It's a fabulous position," says Kristine, "and since the office environment is small, I have greater responsibilities. The job offers exactly the type of previous human resources experience corporate recruiters are looking for. I don't think I could have found a better place to begin my career."

In retrospect, Sherri believes that "You take away more from Sweet Briar than you're aware of the day that you graduate. At 21 years old, you're too young to understand what you have gained from your college experience."

"Sweet Briar grooms students for the world, offering each individual the foundation she will need to move confidently into graduate schools and careers. Helping Kristine and Nicole meet their goals was simply an extension of the non-academic experience at Sweet Briar—an experience that fosters sharing, networking, and teamwork."

All You Have to Do Is Call

Looking at the memo on her desk, it took Jane Hutcherson Frierson '74 less than a minute to determine what to do. Her employer, Logicon Inc., a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Corporation, was looking to fill several critical positions. In Jane's business area, the company routinely hired experienced people with high-level clearances and degrees in computer science, math, physics, or electrical engineering.

"The demand is so great," says Jane, "I thought: Why not bring some fresh, new talent into the pool and work simultaneously on getting their clearances? I remembered that Sweet Briar



Jane Frierson '74 with son Laurance

was now offering a computer science major. I picked up the phone and gave the information to Carolyn Brazill in career services."

Erin Sobotta '99 received a call from career services within the hour and was in the office faxing her resume to Logicon that afternoon. It was the second-to-last Tuesday in April. Graduation was less than two weeks away. Erin rushed to complete several papers, took her last exam on Sunday, and was at Logicon for an interview at 2 p.m. on Monday.

"The next day," says Erin, "I was still in Northern Virginia for another interview I had lined up. I thought the process was going to take longer. But Logicon called on Tuesday and I accepted the offer over the phone."

Erin had the background Logicon was looking for. In addition to her coursework, she had worked as an assistant in the Woody Center computer lab and as Sweet Briar's phonathon student coordinator. The summer after her junior year, she worked as a research assistant for a professor at Virginia Tech, helping to establish an on-line course.

Erin was impressed with the women at Logicon and the positions they held. "And we were impressed with her," says Jane. "The head of our department went to Wellesley. She phoned and let me know that she hoped Erin would accept the offer."

When Jane studied computer science at Sweet Briar, students carried their projects around on paper tapes similar to the cards used by early programmers. "Sweet Briar taught me the most important lesson. That is, if you want to advance, you have to be willing to learn from year to year. This industry changes so fast. I found myself taking additional courses wherever I lived: Louisiana State University, the University of Tennessee, George Mason University, and the University of Arizona."

After graduating in 1974, Jane married an air force pilot. Her first job with Potomac Research involved creating war game analysis programs.

In addition to her math and computer science skills, Jane found herself drawing on the international affairs courses she had taken at Sweet Briar with Professor Milan Hapala. Not

only did she end up living in Europe, she was able to enhance her husband's presentations. "He was teaching NATO pilots how to fight against the Soviets. I remember one briefing in particular involved describing the Russian pilot's worldview and psyche. All the 400-level courses I had taken with Professor Hapala suddenly came to the fore. You never know what you're going to need."

Years later, Jane invited Professor Hapala to the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Club to speak on the breakup of the Soviet Union. By that time, she had taken a position with Logicon and settled in the area, with the help of the Sweet Briar network.

"I arrived in D.C. in 1985," says Jane. "I had a three-year-old son, no child care, and I was five days away from starting a new job. I picked up the phone and called a Sweet Briar friend. I could not have survived without my alumnae connections. It's something you begin to treasure more as life becomes more complicated."

Sweet Briar friends are already helping to smooth Erin Sobotta's transition from Sweet Briar to Logicon. She is sharing an apartment with Meredith Davis '99, who found a job in the human relations department of a computer training company. At work, Erin has finally had the chance to meet and go out to lunch with Jane Frierson. Jane has since recruited another SBC graduate, Carolyn Vaughan '99.



Erin Sobotta '99

The Friends of Art

Mary Lea Martin Harris '98, a K-12 art teacher in the respected Fairfax County public school system, had no idea she was computer savvy. This summer, her colleagues are in summer school, taking computer classes to complete their teaching certification. Mary Lea was exempted. She finished her portfolio requirements at home.

"From having to use HTML to create web pages in art history, to Professor Alouf insisting that we use web-based resources in his education classes, to all the data entry I did as part of my internship for the Teacher Institute at the National Gallery, to the long-distance courting that went on via e-mail with my husband—it all added up without my realizing it. The word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation competencies required in the 'real world' are not a challenge. When you come from Sweet Briar, those types of applications are second nature."

Mary Lea finished student teaching on a Friday and started her job the following Monday. She attributes her success to the preparation she received inside and outside of the classroom at

SBC. "I had to apply for my job at the campus art gallery every year," says Mary Lea, "and I even had the opportunity to serve as a student representative on the Friends of Art Board."

Mary Lea's studio art professors taught her how to document her work and put it in a professional format. "They also made me write an artist's statement for my senior show," she recalls. "I carried those skills forward into

able to respond off the top of my head. My art history courses turned out to be really, really helpful."

This spring, near the end of the school year, Mary Lea's second graders decorated three-dimensional Cambodian dancers. The materials were left over from her internship at the National Gallery of Art. "Among my responsibilities, I had to develop, coordinate, and supervise a five-

Binghamton, where she and her husband were able to pursue their master's degrees at the same time. Shortly after Lynn completed her studies in medieval art, the National Gallery offered her a position as a lecturer. Today, Lynn is the head of adult programs in the educational division, a job that includes organizing symposia, lecture courses, and gallery talks; training docents who provide tours in several languages; and overseeing fellowships and internships. Lynn is also the president of Sweet Briar's Friends of Art Board.

Several years ago, Professor Ninie Laing invited Lynn to participate in a Sweet Briar conference on careers in art history. Kate Haw '92, who was in graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, drove up to attend. "I met Lynn briefly at that conference," says Kate. "Then later, when I was looking for a job, Professor Laing encouraged me to call her."

Lynn Russell had no illusions about Kate's prospects. The competition among highly qualified candidates was fierce. Lynn advised Kate to shoot for a lower-level position, working for renowned curators at the National Gallery rather than accept a more prominent position at a smaller museum. Kate took her advice and applied.

"Kate," says Lynn, "was willing to take a staff assistant's position. But it was perfectly clear from the start that she was a particularly accomplished and capable person. During her time here, she was able to accrue greater and greater responsibilities. Her experience is a good example of why students should seek the advice of alumnae working in the field. The job that seems the most impressive may not necessarily be the best place to start."

For Kate, truer words were never spoken. "The two curators I worked for in French and Northern Baroque painting were great people. They allowed me to stretch beyond my job descrip-



Mary Lea Martin Harris '98, Kate Haw '92, Lynn Pearson Russell '69

my student teaching, photographing my students' work and presenting those examples with my lesson plans."

For her arts management practicum, Mary Lea developed an architectural "treasure hunt" to support the Virginia Standards of Learning Objectives for classical Greek and Roman civilizations. Using the materials Mary Lea created, area schoolchildren tour the Sweet Briar campus every fall, identifying the classical elements of the College's Georgian buildings.

Though she planned to major in studio art and art history, Mary Lea chose to minor in art history to accommodate the classes required for her teaching certificate. She did, however, receive the major benefit of studying with Art History Professor Ninie Laing.

"My interview for this job turned out to be an exam, an oral comprehensive. All I could think was: Thank you, Professor Laing. I was quizzed on art, artists, and time periods, and how I would tie all three together and into the curriculum for my students. I was

hour, hands-on art activity for 1000 children and parents to coincide with the Ancient Angkor Cambodia Exhibition."

Mary Lea still talks with enthusiasm about her summer experience at the National Gallery. "It was a thrill to work your way through the maze: to be standing in a room full of Picasso crates, or up in the dome, or by the shooting range where the guards practice. It was all so fascinating; even doing things like filing, data entry, or correspondence, it was impossible to be bored."

Lynn Pearson Russell '69 knows the feeling. After graduation, she was hired to work at the National Gallery's art information desk. "For someone who had just graduated with an A.B. in art history," says Lynn, "I felt like I had reached the height of what was possible. It seemed remarkable to me at the time and it was a fun position to have for two years—especially if you like interacting with people."

Lynn left the National Gallery to marry and move near the University of New York at

tion, giving me exposure to the full range of curatorial responsibilities. I had such wonderful relationships, it was hard to leave after three years. But, the next step—going from an administrative to a curatorial position—was not going to happen any time soon. I set my sights on Manhattan instead.”

After 10 months of searching, the former chief curator of the National Gallery called Kate to let her know that Peter Tillou was opening a gallery in New York. Tillou had built one of the most important collections of Dutch and Flemish still life paintings in the world. Kate’s immediate boss at the National Gallery knew Tillou and placed a call on Kate’s behalf. “Shortly thereafter, I met Peter Tillou for a delightful breakfast at the Metropolitan Club and two hours later he hired me.”

Kate, who will be editing the Sweet Briar *Friends of Art* newsletter this year, says that her work helping the College with acquisitions is broadening her education in contemporary art. “I’m trying to give back,” says Kate, “but the relationship is still uneven. My art history professors inspired me to go to graduate school. Lynn Russell got me through the door at the National Gallery. When you’ve had great mentors, you find yourself wanting to continue the tradition; you’re happy when someone from Sweet Briar calls on you for help or advice.”

Staying in the Game

Tina Hansel '99 started playing soccer in kindergarten—and she still plays the way she did then, for the pure joy of it. But when she joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in high school, she began to appreciate the game on another level. “There is a reason why athletes get better grades in season,” says Tina. “Playing a sport puts you on a schedule which improves your focus all around.”

Though Tina is excited about the increasing opportunities for women in professional sports, her career sights are set on maintaining the spirit of the game and providing good role models for children and teenagers. That’s why, during her sophomore year, she decided to major in psychology with a teaching certificate.

“Balancing academics with sports was a major part of my college experience,” says Tina. “I can’t do one without the other. And at Sweet Briar you find that the most involved students—the student government representatives, club presidents, events organizers, and volunteers—are also athletes.”



Tina Hansel '99

“I was proud to represent Sweet Briar when we were out on the road. The program got better every year and support outside of the department was growing. Dean Walker and Martha Woodruff in co-curricular life, Professor Kirkwood in the math department, the chaplain’s office—all recognized the contribution we were making and that recognition meant the world to us. The campus had spirit days—we even had our pictures taken to be put on trading cards.”

Throughout her four years at Sweet Briar, Tina kept in touch with the FCA, traveling to Europe with the women’s soccer team, participating in leadership training, and interning as a counselor in camps during the summer. “My mother kept asking: How old are you going to be before you stop going to camp?” says Tina. “My answer was ‘never.’ I love being in the dirt with the kids, meeting them where they are.”

After graduation, Tina accepted a position as an area

representative with the FCA. She covers 30 schools: training student leaders, providing programming, and keeping the “huddles” up to date. She is also directing the sports camps she used to attend. Her first foray took place this summer at a day camp for 200 eight-to-twelve year olds.

“It’s fun,” says Tina, “but this job also puts you on the front lines. There are a lot of good kids out there dealing with drugs, divorces, violence, and loneliness. Too many are coming home to empty houses. They drift into trouble because they don’t see other alternatives.”

“With my teaching certificate, I could go into the classroom. Though I don’t think I’d be as effective. It’s easier to make contact with kids when you’re out running around on the field with them. I’m going to keep doing what I’m doing—counseling and coaching—as long as I feel like I’m making a difference. I hope that will be for a very long time.”

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Tina Hansel '99 (center) with teammates Melissa Jefferson '01, left, and Liz Hyland '00, right.

Dancing Full Circle

In 1986, career services and dance professors Ella and Mark Magruder teamed up to bring Connor Kelly '79 back to campus. Connor was a dance therapist, and the Magruders, who are always on the lookout for opportunities in dance, wanted her to speak with dance students about her career.

"I'm doing what I'm doing today," says Brandi Beck Fowler '90, "because Connor Kelly returned to Sweet Briar my freshman year. I fell in love with the idea of dance therapy and spoke with her about it after the meeting. She advised me to begin by majoring in psychology and dance and then to continue in graduate school."

In addition to her dual major, Brandi worked as a resident advisor and as the liaison between the RAs and the director of residential housing at Sweet Briar. During the summer, she interned with the Salvation Army Youth Lodge in Atlanta, working with runaway teenagers. The Magruders also helped Brandi gain experience by creating opportunities in the local Amherst County public schools. She taught a dance class in the high school and worked with developmentally-delayed elementary school students.

In the spring of Brandi's



Brandi Beck Fowler '90

senior year, the Magruders attended a conference in North Carolina, where they distributed a video of their private dance company, Menagerie. The head of dance education in the North Carolina public schools received a copy and was impressed. During a follow-up call, she let the Magruders know that she was very interested in hiring Sweet Briar dance majors. Did they have any interested seniors?

"I did not want to go to graduate school right away and I was thinking about heading off to someplace like Australia," says Brandi. "The option of having a job in my field two months before I graduated was something I did not expect. The Magruders gave me the number, and the woman I spoke with said: 'Look at a map of North

Carolina, pick the city you want to live in, and that is where we'll arrange your interview.' I drove to Charlotte, interviewed, and signed the contract."

Brandi taught for two years, returning to campus twice to work with students and talk to them about dance education. Then, one day, the Magruders received a call. It was Brandi asking if they could write a recommendation fast. Application deadlines were approaching and she had just decided it was time to go to graduate school.

The program Brandi selected at Antioch offered a three-year master's degree in counseling and psychology and dance movement therapy. Shortly after she was accepted, Brandi requested a deferment. "I had put off traveling after Sweet Briar to take the

opportunity to teach in North Carolina. Once I had my graduate school plans settled, I thought: Wait a minute. This might be my last chance. I always wanted to go to Africa."

Brandi went to Africa, top to bottom, from Egypt to South Africa, traveling by herself for a year. She restricted herself to using only ground transportation. "I hiked," says Brandi. "I rode camels and donkeys, took buses and trains, and hopped on trucks—anything I could do to get to the next place. I traveled through a war, through a country that was having a referendum to become a country, through villages where I met other dancers who would pull their troupes together for me. It was a wonderful and sometimes horrifying experience. I wrote the Magruders as I went along. Then I came home and went to graduate school."

The following summer Brandi returned to Africa with a filmmaker—her future husband—who was acquiring footage for a documentary on the black rhino. While she was there, Brandi also investigated the possibility of doing a required internship and writing her thesis in South Africa the following year. Two hospitals in Capetown were receptive, including Groote Schuur, the famed site of the world's first heart transplant.

Brandi finished her second year of classes, got married, and returned to Capetown to start her internship. "The South Africans, especially the indigenous population, responded well to dance therapy. It was a great alternative to Anglo, Western, mainstream psychology. The

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rural people are in touch with their bodies and with dance. For them, movement became a wonderful means of expression and treatment."

Nelson Mandela was elected president and assumed office two months before Brandi and her new husband arrived back in Capetown. "South Africa was changing," says Brandi. "The previously segregated, white hospitals were very supportive of my work. In fact, after finishing my internship and thesis, I accepted a position at Groote Schuur. My husband was working and we were planning to stay until our visas were destroyed and we were given 48 hours to leave the country."

The couple headed to Los Angeles, a city that thrives on filmmaking and therapy. Brandi describes the past three years of her life as being "much more normal." After working intensively with criminal adolescents for two years, she now treats chronically mentally ill adults. The change has freed enough time for her to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Before Brandi began her Ph.D. program, she returned to Sweet Briar to teach a Winter Term course in dance movement therapy. Twenty-two students enrolled. Brandi was thrilled.

"The dance program at Sweet Briar enables students to discover things inside themselves that can be used in powerful ways throughout their lives. Being asked to come back—especially since it was Connor Kelly '79 who inspired me—gave me a wonderful feeling of achievement, of coming full circle."

Not every internship takes place off campus.

Virginia White Blair '98 loves architectural history. As a student majoring in history with an arts management certificate, she interned with Harnsberger and Associates, a Richmond-based firm devoted to the restoration of historic properties. Virginia was able to work on campus, helping architects pull together a needs analysis for Sweet Briar's historic district.

In addition to outlining material objectives, Harnsberger's Sweet Briar College Historic Structures Report is filled with fascinating histories of Sweet Briar's buildings and colorful anecdotes about their original inhabitants. The 240-page document is a docent's dream, thanks to Virginia and the hours she spent researching the campus.

"Sweet Briar," says Virginia, "gives every student the opportunity to do her best. With the

exception of my 'people' skills, all the expertise and tools I use every day on the job, I acquired at the College. In many ways, my career life began the day I enrolled."

Virginia was 48 years old when she graduated from Sweet Briar in 1998. This summer, after working for a year as an administrative coordinator in High Point University's evening degree program, she was promoted to assistant registrar.

"I may go back to architectural history again someday," says Virginia, "but with three boys in college, I think I should stick with what I'm doing now. Though it may not seem related, my current job really is linked to my arts management background. The arts management director, Professor Rebecca Massie Lane, introduced me to a different world. I grew up thinking I could be a nurse, a teacher, or a social worker. She turned the page, opening my eyes to possibilities and careers I had never considered."

Virginia went to High Point University in North Carolina to interview for an opening in the development office, but the director felt she was overqualified for the position. Instead, he encouraged her to apply for another opening, an admin-

istrative coordinator's position at High Point. Her combined Sweet Briar experience—assisting at the College's academic resource center (ARC), interning with Harnsberger and Associates, and working in the Sweet Briar Development Office—placed her well above consideration for an entry-level job.

At Sweet Briar, the peer counseling, time management, and computer skills Virginia gained through her campus job at the ARC put her in position to take on even more challenging assignments.

"The ARC opened doors, which opened other doors," explains Virginia. By the time I arrived at the Development Office, I was able to handle a lot of responsibility. By the time I graduated, my resume was pretty substantial. Career services helped me with the format and the development staff helped me fine-tune my objectives. I sent out seven resumes and cover letters, and I was granted seven interviews."

As assistant registrar at High Point University, Virginia has just finished publishing the course catalog and the student handbook. Registration takes place every 8 weeks for over 1200 students on 2 campuses. "I wear a lot of hats," says Virginia. "But the moments I treasure most are those occasions when I'm able to give students the quality of attention I received at Sweet Briar. It's funny how things unfold. You think you're heading in one direction and then you end up somewhere else—in exactly the right place."

PHOTO BY CHARLES GRUBBS



Virginia White Blair '98

Ann Barrett '97 and the Alumna-in-Residence Program

Ann Barrett '97 did not waste any time. She accepted a position with McLeodUSA in April of her senior year and was on the job one week after graduation. In the two years since, the Iowa-based telecommunications company has doubled in size, and Ann has moved quickly from an entry-level position into management. In fact, for over a year now, she has been managing the national client development and co-op advertising department.



Ann Barrett '97

"It's been quite an experience," says Ann. McLeodUSA is less than ten years old. The advertising department was fairly new when I started, so I was able to develop it into my own. I got into McLeod at exactly the right time."

Ann's success is no accident. She began researching her career options during her junior year and, in the process, initiated the successful Sweet Briar Alumna-in-Residence Program.

"I spent my freshman and sophomore years deciding what I wanted to major in," recalls Ann. "After choosing economics, I went to the Career Center at least once a week, trying to figure out what I was going to do next. Researching and internships are important things to do. But the alumnae who returned to speak in classes or more informally with students through the Career

Center had a lot to offer, too. They had career insights and tips that students would probably never pick up otherwise.

"I wanted to see more alumnae returning to SBC to speak candidly about their career experiences. I also wanted to see greater geographic representation. Most alums were coming from the Mid-Atlantic region and I was planning on returning to the Mid-West. It occurred to me that—though proximity makes travel convenient for both alumnae and students—there had to be some way to bring alumnae from all over the U. S. back to campus." Ann shared her thoughts with her advisor in the economics department, Professor Bill Hostetler, who encouraged her to approach the Alumnae Office with her suggestion to expand alumnae career connections. The director of the Alumnae Association, Louise Zingaro '80, was receptive to the idea and gave Ann the go-ahead to create a proposal for an Alumna-in-Residence Program.

"When I spoke with Louise," says Ann, "she already had some alumnae in mind. We conferred over the summer. Then, when I returned my senior year, we started implementing the program—which included polling students about what they wanted to do and where they wanted to live after graduation."

Ann became an alumnae office intern, contacting alumnae, arranging lectures and dinners, and bringing career resources to campus. Some careers and cities were more popular than others. But Ann tried to respond even if only a handful of students expressed an avid interest in a more obscure field.

Though Ann also interned with Rockwell International and what is now Wells Fargo National Bank, her on-campus internship proved to be the most valuable. "The Alumna-in-Residence Program helped me decide what I wanted to do after college and the Alumnae Office internship provided me with skills I could apply in any office environment.

"One of the great benefits was that my on-campus internship was longer. I had the time to learn more than just the basics. Between that experience, my alumnae contacts, and my major, I left Sweet Briar especially well prepared for what I'm doing now: working professionally with individuals, building relationships with customers, dealing with promotions and reimbursements, traveling to sales offices around the country, and training sales representatives."

Rockwell International offered Ann a position but, based in part on what she had learned about herself through her Sweet Briar experience, she elected to go with a younger, growing telecommunications company.

"Sweet Briar," says Ann, "since it's a smaller institution, allows students to come up with ideas and then work to implement them. By the time I graduated, I was confident that I could hit the ground running at McLeodUSA. And that's what I did."

Alumnae-in-Residence

During the 1998-1999 academic year, nine alumnae returned to campus to share their career experiences with students:

Katharine Crommelin Milton '62, professor of anthropology at the University of California at Berkley, was invited to campus to receive the 1998 Distinguished Alumna Award. Katharine met with students in the Career Center, visited Professor Gier's "General Ecology" class, and spoke with students interested in anthropology, biology, and graduate school. Her inspiring and entertaining remarks to the community at the Founder's Day Convocation were reproduced in the *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine*.

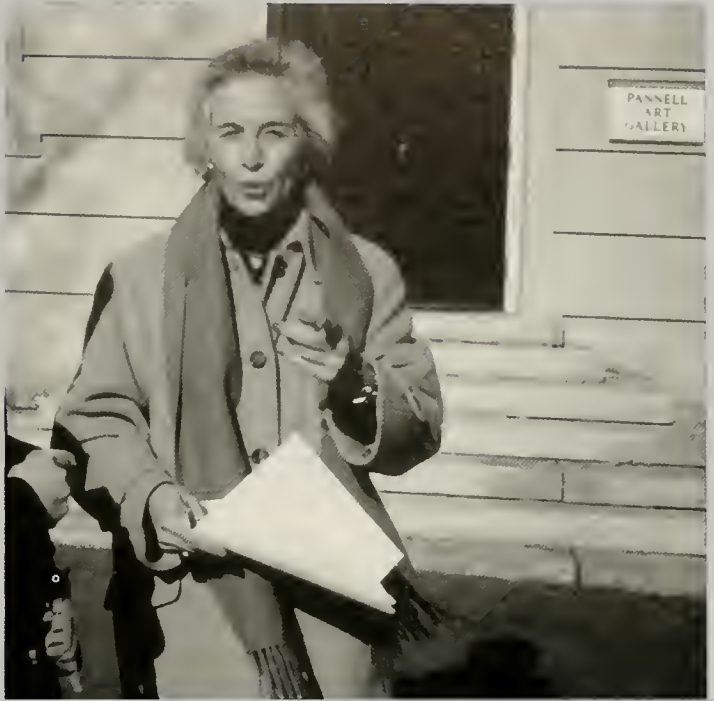


Kindle Samuel '98

Kindle Samuel '98, a young alumna trustee, met with students to discuss the master's program in accounting at UNC at the Kenan-Flager School of Business. Sisi Zirkle '93 and Lucia Marks '94 came to campus from New York City. Sisi works at the NYC Metropolitan Museum of Art in direct marketing. Lucia is in a master's program in public health at Columbia University. Both met with students and faculty to discuss their non-profit internships, graduate school, and living and working in NYC.



Dr. Dearing Ward Johns '63 (left) and Dr. Claudette Harlow Dalton '69 (second from left) talk with Michelle Dunn '02 and Margaret Dally '99.



Deborah Dunning '59

Deborah Dunning '59 shared her extensive professional experience working in art museums, historic preservation, publishing, and environmental management. She spoke with students in two classes, informally in the Career Center, and during a walking tour examining Sweet Briar's ongoing efforts in historic preservation.

Dr. Claudette Harlow Dalton '69 and Dr. Dearing Ward Johns '63 conducted sessions with students on "Women in Medicine" and "Effective Interviewing Techniques for Medical School Admission." They also delivered two talks: "The Biochemistry of Human Nutrition" in Professor Jill Granger's chemistry class, and "Ethics: Theory and Application" in Professor Margaret Hartman's philosophy class.

Dr. Dalton is the assistant dean for medical evaluation and assistant professor of medical education and anesthesiology at the University of Virginia. Dr. Johns, also at the University of Virginia, is associate professor of medicine and a practicing cardiologist.

Jane Reeb Chadwick '74 and Sandra Taylor '74 met informally with students and prospective students during Accepted Applicants Weekend.

Jane is a financial advisor with PaineWebber. Sandra, a past Alumnae Board member and current member of the Visiting Committee on Diversity, is product manager and vice president of Crestar Financial Corporation.

PHOTO BY CHARLES GRUBBS

Mission: Possible

Oscar-winning producer and multi media entrepreneur, Laura Groppe '85, to speak at Focus on Women & Work conference

This November the College is hosting "Focus on Women and Work," an annual conference presented by the Consortium of Virginia Woman's Colleges and Universities. The one-day event draws hundreds of students from Hollins University, Mary Baldwin College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Sweet Briar College. In addition to serving as a forum for women's issues, the conference acts as a catalyst, uniting women as colleagues as they prepare for, and enter, the workforce.

This year's keynote speaker is SBC graduate Laura Groppe '85, president and CEO of the multi media company, Girl Games, Inc. Founded in 1994, Laura's Texas-based enterprise is dedicated to providing girls ages 7-17 with interactive entertainment that encourages them to

explore cutting-edge technology, preparing them for the demands of the future.

Girl Games research and development lab has conducted research for clients including Proctor and Gamble, Mattel, Fox Family Channel, and Peterson Publishing. The company has produced four CD-ROM titles, *Let's Talk About Me*, *Let's Talk About Me Some More*, *Clueless*, and *Teen Digital Diva*, and two websites www.planetgirl.com and www.shredbetty.net. Currently, Girl Games is venturing into other media such as interactive "gadgets" and television.

"I have the benefit of being part of an organization that is exclusively dedicated to bettering the environment for girls," says Laura. "It's almost as though I've taken Sweet Briar's mission and tried to make a company out of it. In my position, I hear frequently from women of all ages. I receive e-mail from contemporaries—total strangers—who find Girl Games on the internet and take the time to congratulate us or to inquire about joining us.

"There are plenty of alumnae out there who are taking risks and trying to break new ground in a lot of different fields—many doing much more exciting things than what I'm doing here. We need to get together and support



Laura Groppe '85

each other in whatever ways we can and, obviously, we owe it to the College to share experiences and information with current students."

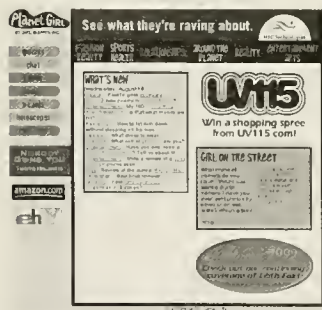
Before starting her own business, Laura pitched her girl-games idea to large, established entertainment media companies that predictably doubted the financial viability of the concept. Once she resolved to go it alone, she found that the experience was not entirely new. She was used to navigating in uncharted waters.

During her Sweet Briar Junior Year in Spain, Laura discovered she was perfectly comfortable being by herself in unfamiliar places. After graduation, she headed to Japan, inspired in part by her philosophy and religion courses, and also by the fact that the Pacific Rim was the

hottest place in the world to be in the mid-1980s. "Then too," says Laura, "I didn't really have a plan yet. Going to Tokyo served as a buffer, a place to explore while I figured out what I wanted to do next."

In Tokyo, Laura worked as an aerobics instructor and enrolled in a private language school. "I skipped a lot of language classes," Laura recalls, "and went to the movies instead. My roommate was getting her Ph.D. in Japanese cinema and I became fascinated with filmmaking."

When she returned to Texas a year and a half later, Laura networked her way into a job on a movie being filmed in Houston. That opportunity led to another, which led to another, until she had accumulated enough production experience to move to California.



Laura Groppe's websites www.planetgirl.com and www.shredbetty.net.

Laura spent several years in Hollywood, establishing herself as a talented assistant director and co-producer of feature films and music videos. She won an **Academy Award** for her short film *Sessions Man* in 1992, **four MTV awards** for co-producing R.E.M.'s *Everybody Hurts* music video in 1994, and a **Sundance Film Festival Best Cinematography award** for co-producing the feature film *Suture* in 1994.

"The movie business is grueling, especially on the production end," says Laura. Continuing was going to require an even greater commitment—which prompted me to rethink my goals.

"My parents asked me if there was anyone in the movie business whose life—not career, but life—I could emulate. It took about thirty seconds to answer. There were plenty of women whose jobs I wanted, but I did not envy the lives that went along with those positions.

"Looking back now, I can see the influences that led up to the founding of Girl Games. It looks like I had it all planned when, in fact, I didn't have a clue. When you're going through a career change, you don't always stop to ask 'Does this make sense?' You're constantly evaluating, based on your gut and how well you know yourself.

"I left Sweet Briar knowing that I felt at home in foreign waters; I never thought I would come back from Spain. And it is probably that experience—those characteristics and qualities—that drives Girl Games into new technologies and business models today. Every day, we're faced with the equivalent of a new foreign language."



Katherine Schupp '94

From Pasture to Pedestal:

Sweet Briar's Field Archaeology and Museum Management Courses Merged in May to Expand Experiential Learning Opportunities

Digging with students behind Sweet Briar's plantation house and original slave cabin, archaeologist and field supervisor Cindy Trussell put it this way: "If you want to be a movie actor, you go to Hollywood. If you want to be a historical archaeologist, you go to Virginia."

"History moves East to West in the United States," explains Dr. Amber Bennett Moncure '91, visiting assistant professor of

anthropology at Sweet Briar. "Virginia has the first colony, Revolutionary War, plantation South, Civil War, and the greatest number of presidents. It also has well-established programs in place to support museums and parks, archaeological research, and historic preservation. For professionals and students, this is the place to be."

This summer Dr. Moncure and Arts Management Professor Rebecca Massie Lane teamed up to offer a course that fully exploited both Sweet Briar's campus resources and the College's connections with other Virginia-based historical excavation sites and exhibits.

The four-week program, "From Pasture to Pedestal: Understanding and Interpreting the Past Through Archaeology

and Museums," included excavating sites at Sweet Briar, Jamestown, and Colonial Williamsburg; examining African-American material culture; experiencing interactive museum exhibits and costumed interpretations; and going behind the scenes into conservation laboratories and museum storage facilities.

Between lectures, readings, and excavations, students traveled to the Smithsonian Institution and the Smithsonian Museum Support Center, the National Gallery of Art, Monticello, the Holocaust Museum, the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

For Lys Burdette '01 from South Carolina, who is working on a proposal for a self-design major, the program provided a welcome opportunity to remain at Sweet Briar and take an additional class, while leaving her ample time to return home to a summer job. For Meredith Taylor '01 and Becky Cefaratti '02, "Pasture to Pedestal" was just a warm-up. Instead of heading

home for the summer, the two flew to the Republic of Kazakhstan to join SBC Professor Claudia Chang's Iron Age excavation in Central Asia.

A World of Opportunity

Meredith Taylor '01, a psychology major and archaeology minor from Maine, worked at the College's Pannell gallery as a museum guard her first year at Sweet Briar. She also took on a few projects for professor and galleries director, Rebecca Massie Lane, which led to a promotion. During 1998-99, Meredith worked as a student assistant and liaison for the Sweet Briar Friends of Art. Next year, she will go on the Friends of Art Board and work for anthropology professor and Honors Program director, Amber Moncure.

Last semester, in addition to her job and classes, Meredith applied for a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to join Professor Claudia Chang's archaeological dig in Kazakhstan. Meredith and three other students had enrolled in an experimental web-based anthropology course with Professor Chang, which took place in cyberspace. The class communicated and submitted papers via e-mail and met once a week for a "real time" chat session. During one of those sessions, Professor Chang indicated that she had two summer positions available for undergraduate researchers, if anyone in the class wanted to apply through the SBC Honors Program and the NSF.

First-year student Becky Cefaratti, a classics major and archaeology minor from Maryland, got to know Meredith through Professor Chang's course. After Meredith had made up her mind to write an NSF grant proposal, she turned

around and talked Becky into joining her. They started the process in January 1999 and were approved four months later in April.

For Becky, the experience of interviewing and writing a proposal for undergraduate research was an eye-opener. "I knew Sweet Briar was a first-rate institution," she says, "but it continues to surprise me. There I was—just a freshman—submitting a proposal to the NSF on the photolith analysis I intended to do as a student on an Iron-Age dig in Kazakhstan. Talk about crunch time! I was carrying 20 credits last semester and Meredith was involved in a big experimental psych project. Both of us rolled out of spring semester classes into 'Pasture to Pedestal' field school. Then, we're going off to work with Professor Chang. It is an amazing opportunity. This is something I thought only graduate students got to do."

Meeting Katherine Schupp '94 Along The Way

As a former student of Professors Lane and Chang, Katherine Schupp '94 was not surprised to hear about Meredith and Becky's amazing undergraduate experiences. Nor was she surprised to see "Pasture to Pedestal" students arrive in Colonial Williamsburg, where she was working as a field technician and teacher.

Katherine was a double major in anthropology and art history who decided in the middle of her junior year to get an arts management certificate as well. "It was intense, says Katherine. "I started late in the game, but it was worth all the extra work."

After completing the required series of courses, Katherine worked with Professors Lane and

Chang, designing an arts management practicum that drew on her anthropology and art history background. Beginning by interpreting photographs of Virginia Indians in the Sweet Briar collection, Katherine gradually developed a full-blown exhibition for elementary school children that included a stone tool exhibit, a live Native American dance assembly, gallery talks, and hands-on art projects.

"Professor Lane made me responsible for everything," says Katherine. "I framed and installed the photographs and wrote the press releases. I developed an art project for kids, teaching them how to make and decorate Native American-style clay bowls. I created a gallery guide for teachers in the schools to use when I was not there. I organized a dance assembly. In short, I encountered just about everything involved in museum work, including dealing with budgets. Professor Lane and Professor Hostetler in economics really drive home the business and accounting side of arts management, which is so essential. It really gave me an edge."

Two days after graduation in 1994, Katherine started work at *WHERE* magazine in New Orleans. She had been editing yearbooks since high school and thought she would enjoy working on a travel publication. But a few months into the job, she noticed an ad for a position at Tulane University's historic Gallier House Museum.

"It was an ad for a curator of education," says Katherine. "I applied, interviewed, and got the job. My age was a concern—I had to manage people who were older than I—but I was qualified; I had my portfolio from Sweet Briar and the director had faith in me."

At the Gallier House, Katherine developed, imple-

mented, and marketed programs for 4,000 schoolchildren annually. In addition to general "life in the 19th century" weekday programming, she started an archaeology program and instituted special weekend and holiday events.

In 1996, when Tulane decided to sell the Gallier House to another non-profit organization, Katherine decided it was time to begin her graduate studies. She went to the College of William and Mary to get her master's in historical archaeology. Her first summer, she did fieldwork in the Caribbean (and hopes to return). Last summer and this summer, she was working in William and Mary's archaeological conservation laboratory and teaching in the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's field school. The site she is working on, the Nassau Street Ordinary, can be viewed at <www.history.org>.

"I run into Professor Moncure from time to time," says Katherine, "because we travel in some of the same archaeology circles. But I missed Professor Lane at Reunion, so it was great when she brought the 'From Pasture to Pedestal' class to Williamsburg this summer."

"Professor Lane and Professor Chang not only taught me that I could combine my interests and talents, they gave me work experience doing it in a college setting. And Carolyn Brazill in the Career Center helped me organize and present my experience to the outside world—right down to choosing the color of my resume paper."

"There is a camaraderie at Sweet Briar that doesn't exist at larger institutions. But, at the same time, there is a professionalism—a grasp of the demands of the working world—that leaves students well prepared for whatever they choose to do."

SBC Summer Internships

on Capitol Hill

Included the "Most Controversial"

Three Sweet Briar students headed to Washington, D.C. in May to pursue their interest in government:

Christine Bump '00 spent 13 weeks as a paid intern, working for the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, William Suter. A large part of Christine's job consisted of answering procedural questions about filing petitions and briefs. She spoke to and corresponded with judges, lawyers, citizens—even prisoners calling from jail to check on their cases.

"My favorite part of each day," says Christine, "was delivering petitions and briefs to the Justices' Chambers. Throughout the summer, I had the opportunity to see all nine Justices away from the bench and out of their robes. I have so much respect for the Justices—they seemed like such majestic figures—it was odd to see them as real people."

In her government classes, including Professor Perry's "Constitutional Law" course, Christine has been examining the meaning and impact of Supreme Court decisions. Working in the Clerk's Office, she had the opportunity to learn the procedural side of cases. "It is a completely different perspective," says

Christine. "The exposure was invaluable, especially in preparation for law school."

Jaclyn Trentacoste '00 applied for a White House internship in the late winter and did not receive confirmation until the last few weeks of classes, close to final exams. She was thrilled to have the position, but had no place to live in Washington, D.C. and very little time left to put something together.

Jaclyn dashed to the SBC Career Center and flipped through files where she found Cecilia Albert '72. Cecilia lives on Capitol Hill and rents temporary living space to students in Jaclyn's position. "The beautifully decorated and air-conditioned apartment proved essential," writes Jaclyn, "while I braved a D.C. heat wave and the most controversial internship in the nation. For 10 weeks, at the end of the day, when most other interns returned to their dorm rooms, I had a real home waiting with someone from Sweet Briar."

The first day of Jaclyn's internship, about 200 interns gathered in room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building for a general orientation before heading off to their office assignments. About 10 interns, including Jaclyn, did not receive office assignments. Instead, they con-

tinued the interview process with Alison Kolwaite, director of the White House Internship Program.

The next day, Jaclyn continued interviewing with Betty Currie, personal secretary within the Office of the President, and Nancy Henrich, director of Oval Office Operations. Afterward, Jaclyn and another intern were assigned positions within the Office of the President, working closely with the staff of Presidential Personal Correspondence and Oval Office Operations.

Ariana Wolyne-Werner '01

packed an incredible amount of experience into her eight week internship with Congressman Phil English (R-PA).

Her office responsibilities included acting as interim staff assistant and legislative coordinator; researching legislative issues and briefing the legislative director on hearings and bill markups; writing extensions of remarks for the Congressional Record; assisting in the training of new personnel; drafting responses to constituent mail; and even giving guided tours of the U.S. Capitol.

Outside of the office, Ariana volunteered at the 1999 Republican Senate-House Dinner, where she found Katie



Christine Bump '00 with Clerk of the Supreme Court William Suter



Jaclyn Trentacoste '00 and Cecilia Albert '72



Ariana Wolyne-Werner '01 with Congressman English's chief-of-staff, Bob Holste

Dudman '99 working on finances for the event. She attended the Congressional Intern Lecture Series, which featured General Colin Powell, Dick Armey and Morton Kondrake. Other highlights included the Eagle Forum Collegians 6th Annual Leadership Summit, the College Republican National Committee 53rd Biennial Convention, and the College Republican Federation of Virginia proceedings.

"Next year," Ariana writes, "I would love to staff the RNC Presidential Convention and intern with the RNC for the entire summer. Eventually, I will attend graduate school and later become president of the United States."

VISION

FOR THE SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE CAREER SERVICES CENTER

1. CAREER SERVICES CENTER MISSION

To develop relationships with employers that provide externships; internships; part-time; summer; work study; temporary; and professional employment opportunities for current students and graduates.

2. EXPANSION OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM

- Work Study: On-campus employment
- Externships: One-week volunteer experience. Sweet Briar College students are matched with an alumna in a student's career field of choice and preferred geographic area. Occur during winter break, spring break and summer.
- Internships: Longer in duration. May be paid or unpaid. Often participate for two semesters during academic year. May be credit-bearing and often students prefer to engage in a one-to-three month summer experience.
- Part-time: Temporary employment which is paid.
- Full-time: Permanent employment which is paid.
- Effective networking opportunities for students and alumnae.
- Satellite Center in Chicago, IL: To begin as a pilot program involving alumnae in the Chicago area to expand to Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Miami, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. Would also like to identify alumnae in England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Scotland and Spain (countries where our students study abroad). Alumnae may serve as a resource to current students doing externships, internships, investigating graduate school programs or seeking employment upon graduation.

3. IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PURSUING GRADUATE DEGREES OR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

- Co-Curricular Portfolio: An online transcript of a student's non-academic involvement over four years, i.e. honors/awards; clubs/organizations; leadership experiences; athletic accomplishments; work study; part-time employment; both on-or off-campus; volunteer service, and conferences attended. Beginning in the spring semester of her first year at SBC, a young woman will cre-

ate, via the Career Services Center website, her on-line portfolio, which will chronicle her experiences outside the class throughout her four years. This document will complement a Sweet Briar College graduate's "self-marketing package" which may include a resume, cover letter, writing samples, and recommendation letters.

- Career Services website
- On-line Work/Study Handbook: Details policies and procedures for on-campus work.
- Virtual Work/Study Job Fair: Students will view available positions electronically, apply for on-campus employment, submit resume and cover letter, and practice interview skills with prospective supervisors prior to being hired.
- Global presence for Sweet Briar College women via Internet: Internet linkages provide experiential learning opportunities, employment, or graduate study information.

4. ENHANCE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WHILE BUILDING COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLIENTS OF THE CAREER SERVICES CENTER

Students, faculty, staff, alumnae, parents of current students, employers, and graduate school program representatives.

- Individual counseling
- Testing services and information: Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Strong Vocational Inventory, Keirsey Type Indicator, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCATS, and PRAXIS.
- Workshops/seminars/job fairs/graduate school programs
- Career Services Center library resources
- Alumna-in-Residence Program: Opportunity for alumnae to return to campus to offer insights and career advice to current students.
- Assistance provided by Career Services Center staff

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LETTERS

Magazine Devoted to the Arts

I also want to comment about how pleased I was with the magazine devoted to the arts. As a dance major and dance/movement therapist I absolutely believe in the importance of art in education. I was so excited that I read the issue almost completely immediately! Keep up the great work!

—Connor Kelly '79

A Plea

This is a plea not to cut the size of class notes. In the last Alum. Mag. [Winter '99] there were 13 pages of class notes and 30+ of who gave money. The reason that the alums give money is because of class notes. That is what keeps them in touch, revives their memories, rekindles friendships and makes them part of Sweet Briar no matter how many years ago they left the VA hills. I would much rather read about what people are doing than how much they gave. If the Development Office wants to tout their success, and thank God they are successful, let them put out their own lists and leave the Alum. Mag. to the alums.

Or cut out an article if you must, but leave the class notes. That is what people read, and not only those of their own class. Everyone who responds to our plea for news deserves to have their news published. If they care enough to write, they care enough to support the college, both verbally and financially. They look first at the class notes and then the rest of the mag. Some people read only the class notes, but they still feel a part of the college. I know there are budget concerns but lower the grade of paper, cut out a picture or two but save the class notes. That way you'll keep the alumnae...Please give this some serious thought.

—Mary Ann Mellen Root '53

Another Class Notes Plea

While I'm at it, I really have to go on record...the word-limitations on class notes are draconian and, frankly, impossible. Many...classmates have gone through some important, life-changing events in

recent years, and to reduce their achievements and personal struggles to a few words is heartless. Further, merely listing the names of my classmates and two or three words for their geographical location takes up half the allotted space. So I really chafe at the restrictions...and sincerely hope that serious consideration is being given to remedy what is a totally unsatisfactory situation. It is all the more baffling when surveys repeatedly indicate that alumnae read the class notes before anything else, if indeed they read anything else.

—Debbie Olander '76

Sweet Briar Graduate Changed a Life

I would love to contact a graduate of Sweet Briar who changed my life. I only met her for a few minutes more than 30 years ago, but that few minutes turned out to be pivotal.

I'd come on vacation to London in April '69 with nothing but a return ticket and a desperate desire to stay in England and work there...I had no joy finding a job and my time was nearly up. On what I thought would be one of my last nights in the UK, I decided to go...to the Royal Ballet because Nureyev and Fonteyn were dancing...as I stood in the interminable line for tickets I got talking to a girl in front of me...a recent Sweet Briar graduate...as we chatted, I told her how much I wished I could get a job and stay in England.

Nothing could be easier, she said. All I needed to do was go to the American Air Force Base at South Ruislip...no need for a work permit; they paid in dollars; you got full Base privileges and...she knew they were hiring at the moment. I think she'd just left a temporary job there, and was returning to the States.

I never saw or spoke to that girl again, but the next day I went to the Base...I did indeed get hired on the spot. That magical stamp was put in my passport...I got to stay in England...what's more, on that very day I met the Englishman who was

to become my husband. He had taken a temporary job on the Base that same day.

I never did go back home. Here it is nearly the millennium and I'm still in England...That Sweet Briar girl gave me a life I'd never have had if I hadn't chanced to stand behind her...although my life hasn't been perfect, there's never been a time when I wished I'd stood one place farther back in the line...

I have two wonderful children...My brilliant daughter has a first class degree from Oxford; my beautiful son is a computer whiz engaged to one of my former students. I'm an English teacher in a British secondary school and I often tell this story to the classes I teach...to show them how important their actions can be...one person can change a life so dramatically and never even know it. (Yes I know it's all very "It's a Wonderful Life" but I can't help that—it's true)...

I would really like to thank this woman if she's still out there somewhere; still in touch with the college. I'm afraid I don't remember a thing about her apart from the fact that she'd acquired an English accent during her stay so that I was talking to her for ages before realising that she was a fellow American. I think she may have been blond. That and the fact that she'd been to Sweet Briar—that's all I remember...

But if you would consider circulating this story somewhere...on your site or in an Alumni mag, I would so like to thank her for all she has given me...I'd like to thank her for my life...

Are you a Sweet Briar graduate who was in London in 1969?...Do you remember going to see Nureyev and Fonteyn just before you had to return home? If so—please get in touch. And in the meantime, visit my website and take a look at the life you gave me.

—Dee McIntosh, e-mail
hg83@dial.pipex.com
<http://dSPACE.dial.pipex.com/town/parade/hg83>

All that wonderful food

To: Mr. Tim Pritchett, Executive Chef, Dining Services; Mr. Kevin Phelps, Director of Dining Services; Ms. Nancy Herr, Asst. Director of Dining Services

From: Claire Hughes Knapp '64 and the entire Class of 1964

During a post-Reunion chat with Nancy Baldwin, I discovered that all that wonderful food served last weekend was prepared by the Sweet Briar Dining Services department. I was flabbergasted! Our whole class was so impressed with not only the variety and quality of the cuisine but also the presentation and the gracious service with which it was offered. We were all sure that caterers had done the entire weekend, because there was one superb offering after another. In fact, one woman from northern Virginia was lamenting the lack of good strawberries in her area. Another one said, "Of course—they're all right here!" I think I'm going to have you do my grocery shopping for me.

It is difficult to even imagine how hard you and your staff worked. I know that on Sunday morning we asked someone when she had gotten home on Saturday night. I think it was around 2:00, and she was back at 6:00 Sunday morning. I'll bet if any of you saw one more strawberry or iced one more cow cookie, you would have died. But I just wanted you to know how much we *all* enjoyed everything you did, from the great Sweet Briar breakfasts (with eggs done the way they're supposed to be done) to the Mexican, the Greek, and the barbecue! Everything was done superbly. I'm going to buy a freezer in hopes that you'll just send leftovers to me. I could eat like a queen forever!

Thanks to each and every one of you for the generosity of time, grace, and imagination which you bestowed upon all of us this past weekend. We truly appreciate it as the contribution it was to a wonderful experience.

TRANSITIONS

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Ann Reed



Linda Shank



Sara Catherine Clyburn

Ann L. Reed: Coordinator of Career Services

Ann L. Reed began her duties as coordinator of career services in the Division of Co-Curricular Life on July 19th. Ann has most recently served as associate director of admissions at Chatham Hall in Chatham, Virginia.

She earned her B. S. in liberal arts and science in 1994, majoring in psychology and social services at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and completed her M. S. in higher education in 1997 from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Linda P. Shank: Executive Assistant to the President; Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors

Linda P. Shank joined the College staff as executive assistant to the president and assistant secretary of the Board of Directors on July 19th.

She brings extensive knowledge of women's higher education. She received her B. A. in psychology from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, an M. S. in counseling from Shippensburg University, a Master's of Business Administration from York College in Pennsylvania, and anticipates completion of doctoral work in business administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida in 2000.

Before coming to Sweet Briar, Linda

was the dean of continuing education at Wilson College in Pennsylvania, where she had formerly served as chair of the Department of Business and Economics.

She has extensive expertise in marketing, continuing education, institutional research, and assessment. She took an active role in Wilson's reaccreditation review in 1998. She has participated in the College Management Program in the School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon, and the Institute of the Management of Lifelong Education at Harvard University.

She will be a member of Sweet Briar's senior staff and will oversee the Department of Institutional Research, and will be an integral part of our reaccreditation process, strategic planning efforts, and other initiatives of college-wide importance. In addition, Linda will have significant involvement with the College's Board of Directors, including staffing committees and coordinating annual meetings.

Linda and husband Bill have three adult children: Kirk, Troy, and Sara.

Sara Catherine Clyburn: Admissions Counselor

Sara Catherine Clyburn '99 joined the admissions staff this fall as an admissions counselor. Receiving her B.A. in May with a major in history, she was active in College Republicans, theater, dance, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and served as a tour guide for the admissions office, and as an orientation tour guide, assisting prospective students, and helping to organize parents weekend.

During the summer of 1998, she was an intern in the admissions office, organizing college fairs, assisting with open houses, planning travel schedules, observing interviews, and helping to develop manuals and brochures for prospective students and parents. She also did admissions-related research for the College. This past summer, she worked as an assistant in the president's office.

Before entering Sweet Briar, she graduated from Thomas Sumter Academy in Dalzell, South Carolina, where she was secretary of the senior class, member of the National Honor Society, Anchor Club, FCA, and representative to Girls State.

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1923 Frances Smith Mrs. Harold G. Hood Date unknown	1931 Matilda Jones Mrs. John J. Shillington February 28, 1999	1935 Marie Schroeder Mrs. Leslie H. Packard March 28, 1999	1943 Elizabeth Weems Ms. Elizabeth Weems March 11, 1999	1965 Toni L. Thomas Ms. Toni L. Thomas December 4, 1998
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1928 Winifred West Mrs. Caddis Morriss March 25, 1999	1931 Orla Washabaugh Mrs. Norman Shenk April 23, 1999	1937 Elizabeth Boyce Mrs. Peter H. Emmons April 12, 1999	1951 Ruth Clarkson Mrs. Mark H. Costello March 3, 1999	1968 Ruth Prettyman Mrs. James C. Irvin April 6, 1999
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1929 Mary Faucette Mrs. Hugh D. Huffaker, Sr. March 26, 1999	1934 Elizabeth Eskridge Mrs. Carter Ambler April 12, 1999	1940 Constance Currie Mrs. R. Elliot Fleming April 2, 1999	1956 Ella-Prince Trimmer Mrs. Joseph T. Knox May 30, 1999	1979 Nancy Reed Miss Nancy E. Reed March 24, 1999
1930 Nancy Gaines Mrs. Gustave Jaeger January 17, 1999	1934 Emma Hedges Mrs. Samuel S. Clark March 14, 1999	1940 Shirley Nalley Mrs. William A. Irving March 16, 1999	1959 Catherine B. Guy Mrs. William Deas Weatherford October 6, 1998	<i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.</i>
1930 Elizabeth Williams Mrs. W. Kirk Gilmore February 4, 1999	1935 Mary Banks McPherson Mrs. F. Gwyn Harper, Jr. March 20, 1999	1941 Jean Nehring Mrs. M. Alfred Bichsel February 14, 1999	1964 Frances Ann Howard Mrs. Ann Mock Date unknown	



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CLASS NOTES

1926

Ruth Will Beckh and Karl celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary 4/99. They recently moved into the assisted living wing of their retirement community in Williamsburg.

1929

President and Secretary: Sally Callison Jamison

Let's start on a high note. **Evaline Edmands Thoma** of Springfield, IL, is still enjoying painting with, she adds, a wonderfully friendly class; going to AZ again for the month of Feb., and still driving her car. **Edith Tollefsen** lives in Richmond, VA in her own apartment (not in a place for old ladies) and is continuing her volunteer work at the hospital. She is still driving her car. **Helen Schaumleffel Ferree** is also still living in her own house in Indianapolis. She is still agile, walks daily, and meets weekly with a group of friends she has been seeing for 50 years. **Virginia Chaffee Gwynn** is still at Bentley, planning to move into assisted living. Her son John died of cancer 9/98. She has no children left but has 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grands and they all get together for Xmas near Tampa.

Gertrude Sigmon sent greetings from her home where she lives with a caretaker. Flapping along smoothly are **Izzy North Goodwin** and **Sue Tucker Yates**, both of whom sent cheerful messages. Izzy is still going strong and enjoying each day at Brandonville where she is near her children and great grands. She went to MD for Thanksgiving and thankfully stayed on her feet. **Sue Tucker Yates** is also grateful for good health and continues to be involved in civic and church activities in a retirement home in Raleigh, NC. Her son John is an Episcopal minister in Falls Church, VA, her oldest son is a retired executive from Belk Stores, another son owns a furniture plant and her daughter and family live in Charlotte. She has 8 great grand babies. **Ruth Meredith Smythe** and I missed our annual Torch Lake—Sweet Briar bonding last summer but hope to make up for it in 1999. She writes that she hopes that I, as class secretary, can report that the mental and physical faculties of the 29ers are unimpaired. On a serious note she adds "we are eternally grateful for 4 years of sound learning and happy memories of our beloved college." Now if I can find my long underwear by June 1st, I'll be going on a long anticipated trip to AK. Spring in Naples brings forth the annual Sweet Briar luncheon which was again held in Bonita Bay and hosted by **Helen Gwinn Wallace** '41 who was assisted by **Anne Borough O'Connor** '41. My trusty driver was **Maggie Mohlman Degler** '54 and accompanying us was **Mary Ann Freer** '54. We were treated to an excellent video of SBC in action from every angle; scholarship, athletic, and social. We were also given some intimate views by

Solina Woodruff, a Sweet Briar freshman from Ludington, MI. Our long time loyal classmate and Sweet Briar employee **Gert Prior** died in July at age 93. We will keep her in our memories as a most devoted Briarite and lover of nature. We will also hold in memory our most recent losses: **Dorothy Bortz Ballantine**, **Lisa Guigon Shinberger** and **Lee Sidman Smith**. Now we are 34, keep flapping.

1932

President: Marjorie Ward Cross
Secretary: Virginia Squibb Flynn
Fund Agent: Eleanor Wright Conway

Pat Ward Cross busy with classes at The Univ. of Del. Academy of Life Long Learning. Spent Christmas in Winterthur with grandchildren. **Katherine Scott Soles** unable to read or paint. Does enjoy grandchildren in Texas and PA. **Emma Knowlton Lytle** enjoys hearing from **Squibby** about S.B. She still paints and travels. **Suzanne Gay Linville** and **Ted** look great on their Christmas card with their lovely grandchildren.

I, Squibby, still your class secretary, wish to hear from more of you. Jim and I again did not get to Naples. Travel is not easy. So we are happy and secure at Evergreen Woods, N. Branford, CT. I called **Hazel Stamps Collins** in Naples. She is well and happy.

1935

Blandina Jones Skilton writes that her family—3 sons, 6 grands and 2 great-grands—are all busy and happy. Her brother had a stroke but is getting along fairly well. **Blandina** is planning to move to Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community in Charleston, SC.

1938

President: Janet MacFarlan Bergmann
Secretary: Frances Bailey Brooke

Many thanks to all of you who replied so promptly to my SBC postcards.

We are all saddened by the death of five classmates since my last notes.

Helen Allen Stupp died in May 1997 and **Janet Forbush Fead** in July 1998.

Louise Grace Prince and **Llewellyn Griffith Longstaff** also died during the past year, and **Helen Walton Andrae** passed away in February. Our deepest sympathy goes to their families.

Molly Talcott Dodson writes that "Griif" retired in September and they are "going steady again" with time spent as doting grandparents of assorted ages 25 to 1. Traveling keeps **Marge Thaden Davis** busy with trips last year to the Panama Canal, Nassau, Lake George and Saratoga, plus a fabulous cruise around the South Sea Islands. **Sue Gibson Davenport** keeps in touch with **Molly Dodson** and **Jo Sutton**, sharing reproductions

of **Mickey McGuire Williams'** show of her paintings in Orange, VA. **Pauline Womack Swan** and **George** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary and are still commuting between Higgins Lake, MI in the summer to N. Palm Beach, FL in the winter. They recently welcomed their 5th great-grandchild. A note from **Barbara Ferguson Hill** says she sees **Mary Ann Housel Carr** who lives nearby on Cape Cod and **Connie Currie Fleming** in Stuart, FL. Fergie is still playing tennis and golf and otherwise keeping fit.

It was great to hear from **Vesta Murray Haselden** who says Eddie is 91 and still quail shooting and enjoying life after two serious operations. They spend time at Wild Dunes, SC and in the mountains. They have teenage and grown grandchildren, but so far no great-grands. **Margaret Weimer Shepherd** spent Christmas having completely unexpected heart bypass surgery, but she is recuperating well in their new/old apartment on the river. Janie says it's very convenient for old-timers!

Sad news from **Bis Lockett Lord** that Roger died last June 30 after a brief illness and a marriage of 58 years. Our deepest sympathy to Bis and her family.

Ilda Todman Pierce finds retirement living busier than before. She enjoys traveling—AK last August and later a cruise following the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Bo and **Billy Heizer Hickenlooper** spent three weeks in London and Scotland last June (their 12th trip to London!). They must have set a class record with 5 great-granddaughters and a "Whopper of a boy!" They will spend six weeks in Sanibel after Christmas getting away from two weeks of solid ice and snow in Cincinnati. She sees **Dottie Mather Goyert** often. A long note from **Emma Glass Beasley** says she is living in her family home "Westwood," built in 1836, in Uniontown, AL. She is restoring the house and grounds. Both her daughters and grandson spent Christmas with her. Daughter Mary plans to sell her company in Houston and live with Emma.

It was good to have news from **Sarah Tomlinson Foscue**. She and Jimmie are doing well—he is 89 and keeps a secretary busy three mornings a week! **Maud Tucker Drane** plans to check on **Margaret Weimer Shepherd** when she goes to Hilton Head in March. Their children and grandchildren will join them for a week. She and Hardy are busy with church and civic activities and family reunions—110 Tuckers last July in Charles Town, WV! They especially enjoy river cruises, having taken one on the Danube and Elbe; next the Rhine in Sept. **Isabelle Franke DeGraaf's** first granddaughter was married in August and she plans to attend college graduations for two grandchildren in May and a h.s. graduation in June. It was good news to hear that **Janice Wiley Adams** spends time in Charlottesville with two daughters and their families. Do hope she will include Lexington on her trips to the Briar Patch. Janice is in close touch with **Kate Sulzberger Levi** and also with **Nora Stael Evert**, our dancing instructor of yore, now 94! How can we forget those black

leotards? **Betty Hopper Turner** saw **Sammy Hamilton Schuck** and **Connie** while visiting her son in CA. **Dottie Gilbert Browne** called during her stay and they all spoke of dear classmate friends who have died during the past year.

Janet MacFarlan Bergmann's husband Carl is very limited in his activities, but she remains busy with library and church work. They look forward to July when they go to the Cape and have visits from at least three of their four children. Big news from **Macky Fuller Kellogg**, who married her brother-in-law, Stanley Kellogg, a year ago. They are living in New Ipswich, NH. Among their interests are traveling, tennis, bridge, walking and reading—keeping them very busy. Macky has 12 grandchildren and a new great-granddaughter. **Shirley Haywood Alexander** has moved into a retirement cottage in Raleigh, and, in spite of two hip replacements, keeps traveling and playing bridge. Her grandson, Haywood, is a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill. George and I enjoy traveling and during the past year spent a week in Burgundy, took a North Cape cruise in July and the Washington & Lee 250th Anniversary Cruise in August. I also took our daughter Marion on the Garden Club of Virginia tour of English Homes and Gardens and celebrated my 81st birthday dining on the Thames! Our granddaughter Catherine and great-granddaughter Emily (3) have moved to Lexington. It's a joy to have them close by.

Our 60th Reunion didn't turn out as we had hoped, but let's all make plans, take care of ourselves and organize for our 65th in 2003!

1944

President: Anita Lippitt Clay
Secretary: Phyllis Tenney Dowd
Fund Agent: Betty Farinholt Cockrill

Thanks to all who sent news. Casting a shadow on it, however is hearing of the loss of friends. We extend sincere sympathy to the families of the following: **Nancy Singleton Payne**, who died 1/9/99, **Marjorie Woods Williamson**, who died 1/15/98, **Beverly Holleman Richard**, who died 9/18/98, **Mary Churchill Walker Van de Water**, who died 4/17/98, and **Persis Ladd Herold** who died 4/11/98. Their names will be read during the Alumnae Memorial Service at our May reunion.

Paul Hunter wrote that his wife, **Carol Myers Hunter**, will not attend reunion since she is still suffering effects of her serious accident during our 50th reunion as well as heart problems. She sends to all her best wishes. **Muriel Abrash Shapiro** had a bad fall 2/98, breaking her pelvis, and was unable to walk for 3 months. Pool therapy has brought full recovery. She and Irwin celebrated their 25th 8/98 with a family reunion at Va. Beach. **Emily Ann Wilkins Mason**, husband, Tom, daughter Martha, son-in-law, Joe, and grandson, Luke visited Ireland, Wales and London last year

with Joe driving all 1800 miles. Joe still enjoys his work on the SBC library staff. Em and Tom met **Anne Woods Guzzardi** and Walter at SBC 10/98. The Guzzardis have moved to Charlottesville. **Sally Anderson Bowley** had angioplasty 5/98 which turned into a second open heart surgery. She hopes '99 will be better and she can get to reunion. **Pat Whitaker Waters** hopes the same as does **Catherine Tift Porter**; they plan to bunk together. Pat enjoyed a telephone chat with **Marion Saunders Montgomery**. Tee plans a 2-week trip to China and Singapore 6/99 with **Alice Johnson Fessenden**. **Frances Longino Schroder** sent a great picture of Alice, **Betsy Bryant Robb**, and herself on Bald Head Island, NC 7/98.. They were joined by Tee and Jimmy Porter; all had a great time. Longe went to Germany with daughter, Beth, 11/98. Recently she visited another daughter, Anne, who has moved to Chapel Hill. **Betty Williams ("Fence") Gookin** and Richard enjoy the pool and poolhouse they built in summer of '98. Their oldest grandson, Michael, graduates from UVA 5/99. At a Dec. tea-dance they gave for their debutante granddaughter, Anne Berkeley, 15 slept over at "The Oaks". **Marion Shanley Jacobs** looks forward to reunion. She moved to a townhouse condo last year "surrounded by friends, woods, deer and fox—and no outside maintenance." After a cruise and land trip to AK in summer '98, she plans a Feb. trip to the Island of Nevis. **June Eisenberg Gurnick's** life in Encino, CA is busy: counseling senior citizens at Glendale Memorial Hospital twice weekly, working out daily, and traveling to Europe several times a year with husband, Louis. They take pride in 5 grandchildren and 5 daughters.

Helen "Gravy" Watt has a new grandson, Jacob Siegel Wilson, born in Japan to daughter, Phyllis Watt Wilson, SBC '80 whose husband, Brian, is serving with the U.S. Navy. Helen and Bill planned an April trip to visit Phyllis, toddler Miranda, and her new sibling while Brian is on sea duty. They expect to be busy! They also had a trip in summer, '98 cruising from London to Barcelona, stopping in France and Portugal. **Kay Mensing Teitgen** and Ralph love their new condo in FL. He recovered very well from surgery 8/98, and they enjoyed a family reunion at Christmas. Big news from **Janet Staples Munt** is that, having won election to the VT State Senate, she is serving on the 2 committees she asked for where she hopes to influence positively programs for children and families. "A kind of dream come true," it finds her prepared for hard work in Montpelier 4 days (3 nights) a week. We wish all success to our class legislator and hope the session ends before reunion so we can congratulate her in person. **Gene Patton Odell** is happy about the move of Lauren MacMannis Huyett, SBC '79, and her 5 children to Concord, MA within 10 miles of Gene and Don in Bedford, "another dream come true". Another joy is their community where Gene chairs the library committee and finds the neighbors and courses "like a permanent Elderhostel"! **Helen Cantey Woodbridge** and West regret they'll miss reunion while traveling to England and a family reunion in Germany. Helen intends to catch up on all news when she sees reunion attendees, **Sydney Holmes Bales** and **Louise Smith Barry** in L.I. later. The Wood-

bridges love living in Charleston where, as Senior Scholars at The Citadel, they take advantage of interesting lectures. Herb and I lunched with **Margaret Eggers Perry** and Ray in late Nov. and were driven around Mercer Island and Seattle in great style. Marge will miss reunion but keeps in touch with many friends. **Jean Blanton Murphy** does plan on reunion just before a long anticipated trip to Spain and Portugal. **Louise Konsberg Noll** announced the birth of a great-granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth, 10/98. **Elizabeth Vaughan Bishop** looked forward to the GCA annual meeting in NJ in May and seeing the nominee of her garden club in San Antonio, TX, their research director, win a medal. **Margy Brendlinger Robinson** and Walt celebrated their 50th in '98 with a cruise through the Panama Canal and a Thanksgiving weekend in Pinehurst, NC hosted by all their children. **Anita Lippitt Clay** keeps busy with her musical group, "The Crabettes", performing in 10 "gigs" in Dec. and the Senior Women's Beauty Contest in Feb. She had seen **Peggy Gordon Seiler** and Bob in Savannah, GA last fall. Just before Christmas, Peggy underwent surgery, putting a real crimp in the holidays. She is making a good recovery and expected to complete treatment by March. She had thoroughly enjoyed the visit of all their children, spouses and grandchildren over Thanksgiving week. Their 4th grandchild, Lucy Aurelia Brock, was born in July to daughter, Margaret.

Murrell Rickards Chadsey continues to enjoy her home in Norfolk, VA, as well as her summer home in VT. She visited Santa Fe, NM last fall and planned a trip to Costa Rica 3/99. **Alice Lancaster Buck** and Pete, in addition to church activities, had many interesting trips and visits: FL, CO, to attend graduation at the Air Force Academy with their grandson, Ben Harrison; also to CA, MA, CT, NJ, and PA. Their big trip was a cruise to Turkey, Greece and Israel with 3 memorable days touring Israel. They continue to enjoy their home in Marshall, VA near so many family members. **Paulett Long Taggart** and Ganson maintain good health and interests in their church, many friends and travel. They visited NC, FL, ME, CA, NH and NY, and had memorable celebrations of their birthdays. They attended the annual open house of Joanne Holbrook Patton (SBC '52) and General George Patton at Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton, MA and the receptions of Fay Martin Chandler (SBC '43) and Al, and Bonnie Lloyd Crane (SBC '50). They enjoyed the Boston Symphony series and the Museum of Fine Arts, especially the Monet show. **Betty Farinholt Cockrill** looked forward to reunion, along with Jim, and expressed gratitude for "a good life, good health and much happiness."

Norma ("Brad") Arnold wrote from FL that she had just returned from a 2 week tour of the Mediterranean with her daughter. She is still "doing Bed and Breakfast" in KY but hopes to get to reunion and see everyone. **Anne Moore Remington** cruised the Mexican Riviera and had an Elderhostel week in Tiburon. She loves her new retirement community and still works 3 days a week at the travel agency. She wrote that **Jane Rice McPherson** had a recent trip to HI. **Sally Skinner Behnke** returned from a trip around Africa. She regrets having to miss reunion but hopes we have a good

turnout. So do I! Herb and I celebrated our half-century mark in summer '98 with a 3 week trip to England, Wales and Scotland—exhausting but worth it! This will be my last stint as your secretary, a job I've really enjoyed because I felt in closer touch. Thank you all, Phyl.

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President: Ginger Barron Summer
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Our class is on the move! In 8/99 **Jean Old** and **Shirley Levis Johnson** head for Namibia "to see the elephants slide down the sand dunes, only there aren't any elephants," quoth Jean. **Peggy Robertson Christian** and Stuart and daughter Weezie had a wonderful trip to Capetown and Zimbabwe and went on a safari 3/98. Peggy's oldest grandson is a freshman at UVA. His mother is Robin Ryan SBC '74. **Kay Weisiger Osborne's** highlight was the SBC 50th Anniversary trip recognizing Junior Year in France with other former participants on the QE 2. **Margaret Munnerlyn Haverty**, daughter Jane and grandson Jeffrey will revisit England 4/99. Jane and her family lived there for years and Munn attended Oxford U after graduation from SBC in '47. Then in October, Munn and Rawson will cruise the Danube, then fly over to Istanbul. Munn's 12 adorable grandchildren (Atlanta, Ponte Vedra, and NYC) occupy much of her time. In summer of '98 **Aimee Des Pland McGirt** toured China for three weeks. She still teaches part time at the local community college.

Sara Ann McMullen Lindsey toured AK, attended Doug's WW2 reunion and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with 350 friends and family from 10 states. She is a Regent at Gunston Hall and has taught a course on Researching Old Houses—all this and a broken leg, too! In 9/98 **Meredith Slane Person** took a trip down the Rhine River, playing golf 4 times. She spends six months a year in Palm Beach, loves it. When at Chataqua last summer she saw **Sue Van Cleve Rhiel**. The Rhiel's and Carr's (**Emily Schuber**) had cruised the Mississippi the previous March. In Nov. Sue and Bud saw **Ann Colston Leonard** at the Nicholas and Alexandra exhibition in Wilmington, DE. Ann's middle son, David and his bride are both primary care physicians, were off to Ethiopia for a year and a half to establish a medical clinic in a remote area. Ann writes also that she is still potting and playing tennis. **Ashley Hudgins Rice** is looking forward to spring '99 when she will take her 3 children to Holland on a William and Mary sponsored trip. She visited **Jane Arthur Etheridge Hamlin** in fall of '98. Jane Arthur has a granddaughter who is a sophomore at Bryn Mawr and on the swim team. One of Jane Arthur's sons lives in NY and another in Boston; she spent Thanksgiving with one, Christmas with the other. **Nan Hart Stone** and Billy cruised to Israel, Turkey and Greece in Feb. and also attended an Elderhostel in AZ where youngest son, Sheridan lives. In spring of '99 **Liz Ripley Davy** and her sister in law will cruise New Orleans-Memphis in time for Natchez Garden Week. **Ann Marshall Whitley** and her daughter, Libby (SBC '75) also journeyed

down the Mississippi 11/98.

Two of our classmates died in '98 **Ann Burkhardt Block** and **Emily Schuber Carr**. Em's brother Jack, husband of **Pat Hassler Schuber** died 9/98 and **Alex Marcoglou Tully's** husband died 6/98.

Linda McCoy Stewart's still living happily in the swamps of NJ, not too far from NYC where husband Jack, now retired, worked as an editor of the New York Times for 35 years. She still writes free-lance travel articles and enjoys their 12 grandchildren. From Houston **Martha Ann "Mopsy" Francis Burrows** wrote excitedly of the coming marriage of **Mary Lib Vick Thornhill's** son Gabe to a close friend's daughter, Susie Clevenger. Mopsy is the Godmother to both bride and groom! **Julia Holt Coyle** had a great three weeks in Scotland and London with daughter Julia in spring of '98. Daughter Isobel has moved to Cleveland. Unfortunately Julia's brother died of cancer at 58 years old. Although less active now, **Jackie Stillwell Clarke** still finds time to do telephone counseling. She finds that liberal arts education has proved to be a continuing blessing in her two reading groups. I too have found this to be true when taking courses in creative writing. Last two years I attended the Renaissance Institute, an arm of Elderhostel at Notre Dame College, MD. I am writing poems again finding it all stimulating. We still spend summers in NH and one winter month in Sanibel, FL. **Maria Tucker Bowerfind's** oldest grandson is a freshman at St. John's College in Annapolis, her youngest grand to be born 6/99. Her youngest son, Bill was married last year, is a third year resident at Johns Hopkins. Her eldest son Peter and daughter Jane are also physicians. Maria is getting a new knee. Watch for a new book coming out in Spring '99 by **Gina Walker Christian's** daughter Virginia Beach Christian, entitled *Medford Plantation*. It describes a 7000-acre plantation on the Cooper River with an easement on all the land and wildlife sanctuary. Published in Charleston, SC with lots of pictures. Had a note from **Gloria Gamble Jones** who in 2/98 moved to Willow Valley, a PA retirement community, after her husband Jack died. She has made many new friends, enjoys golf and bowling, and is taking classes in mythology and "The world of Jane Austen and the Brontes in Lancaster." **Mary Stu McGuire Gilliam** saw a photo of **Frankie Gardner** in the new W&L anniversary book, *Come Cheer*, illustrating what fun W&L boys had at SBC; assuming that they still do, could that be called continuing education?!

1950

President: Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson
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Are you ready to land on "Go"? Our 50th reunion coincides with the Y2K. Our president, **Mary Waller Berkeley Fergusson**, suggests any face lifts, tummy tucks, etc. be done now. Please look through those treasured scrapbooks for pictures of "Roses in Bloom," the Senior play, and send to **Sally Bianchi Foster** or **Mim Wyse Linsky** whose creative juices are stirring.

It was the year of the big 70. Sally

celebrated with her family in her home of 41 yrs., then packed to move to a house in Crane's Mill, NJ, a continuing care facility. Their former neighbors moved in nearby. **Bill Bailey Fritzinger** took 15 of the family to DC to do the sights. **Edith Brooke Robertson** changed her birthday to August in Va. Beach so the whole family could come. So did the hurricane! **Stokie Kyle Kimple** stayed in her Land of Enchantment, pleased with her grandchildren-all "A" students. **Barbara Favill Marshall** and Irv turn 70, have a 50th reunion at Dartmouth and a family trip to AK planned. **Bev Benson Seamans** celebrated in Italy. Her second visit in a year. The first was the crossbow competition. Bev wrote en route to New Zealand. Last year, they sailed the Med from Jordan to Lisbon. Her sculpture project is a 6 ft. crane. **Dottie Barney Hoover** has taken up line dancing in Hilton Head, SC which with tennis keeps her in shape to chase behind 3 grandchildren. Other children are in CT. Al-ready has gone to her 50th reunion at Bradford College.

Retirement means TRAVEL. **Pat Hal-loran Salvadori** will stay put in IL as long as she gets on a plane. Her broken foot didn't scrub a family Mexican vacation. Before that, London and Italy. Next, Spain on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, down the Dnieper to the Black Sea and maybe St. Petersburg thrown in. **Pat Owens Purvis** spent 7 weeks in the UK last summer with her family and returned in Oct. On to NC and VA researching genealogy and taking sentimental journeys to familiar places, W&L and the SAE house. **Margaret Lewis Furse** visits London each year for the theatre and makes frequent trips to NYC to see her daughter and grandchildren. One of the two book clubs Margaret belongs to could read **Ann Belser Asher's** finished as yet unpublished fictionalized history of the James River. Ann and Norm plan a Spring trip to Rome. Summer is always Nantucket. **Susan Tucker Yankee** and Dick went to the opera in Italy and NYC. More travel for family visits in Corpus Christi and Savannah, and to VA where Dick helped plan his 50th W&L reunion. **Kay Leroy Wing** went on the QEII as, of course, did **Mary Morris Gamble Booth** for the Jr. Yr. in France reunion. Kay spends winter in Naples, FL. Summer in MI where **Mary Virginia Roberts** popped in from St. Louis. **Jean Probeck Wiant** and Dick also were in France. Visited Omaha Beach, Normandy and were retrieved from the Metro by kindly friends. Jean remains the active volunteer with church, Board of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Garden Club and Children's Guild. The most frequent of the frequent travelers must be **B.G. Elmore Gilleland** and Guy. They hoped to meet **Bonnie Loyd Crane** in India. Last year, it was Turkey. Visits to France are a "must." B.G. is in 2 French conversation groups and has 7 French pen pals. **Diana Dent** wanted her to go to Dartmouth to study French while Diana studied Spanish.

Snowbirds arriving in Florida for the winter months are **Mim Wyse Linsky**, **Nancy Drake Maggard**, and **Debbie Freeman Cooper**. Mim and Link retired to the golf and tennis courts of Vero Beach where they can also see the grandchildren. Mim's daughter is executive director for the SWNJ affiliate of the American Diabetes Assn. Son Ned works with telephones, and another son and

daughter work with CH 13 in Portland, ME. **Judy Campbell Campbell** usually visits Vero Beach while Mim is there. Add Debbie who is returning to the courts after her bout with bone cancer. Debbie's youngest son, a confirmed bachelor, "finally" wed in Winter Park. Nancy escapes to their Lake Wales home. Their daughter, Mary, is a "traveling" canon to the Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Betsey Sawyer Hodges is building a summer retreat from Florida heat in Spruce Pine, NC. She and Allen are "recycled," busier than ever. Advocates for those with mental illness, support groups, education and one-on-one contacts. Allen is on the vestry. Betsey is a Stephen minister following 6 yrs. of Bible study fellowship, an in-depth study of the "Word." **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer** also works with her church in Henderson, NC. Her eldest daughter, Jennie was wed and lives in Bayboro, NC. Son, Allison, now works for Harriet Henderson Yarns in Durham. **Rita Murray Gourd's** report will have to wait until our 50th for verification. All you need know is her library card is valid, utilities operate and the Pulitzer still may call. **Louise Moore** retired from her law practice and is serving for the second time on the Lexington, VA city council. **Ann Green Pagel's** husband continues to consult in ceramic engineering. Ann paints and travels. Two daughters are in medicine. One interning and another naturopathic doctor. Two other daughters are working in Charlotte, NC.

The big Mama award may go to **Dolly Clarke Rasmussen** who had 13 family members sleeping in their house at Christmas and 4 more for dinner. She and John were given a surprise birthday party and left for Florida where Dolly can once again play tennis, golf and dance on her new knee. Both are active in politics. **Sally Lane Johnson** ties for the Big Mama award. She and Walter split their time between DC where all the grandchildren live and Rehobeth Beach. Her grandchildren are excellent athletes (and students, we are sure) which causes Sally to wonder about genetics.

Fortunate is **Betty Todd Landon**. Both daughters and their families live nearby. She and Jake can watch the grandchildren grow. **Kata Edwards Crain** doesn't just watch. Her 4 yr. old grandson in Dallas is to be her computer guru for the internet.

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Nan O'Keefe is right, this is a fun job. Love all that mail! Nan (Houston, TX) is still working part-time, traveling (FL in the spring, NY in the fall), and entertaining visiting firemen **Pike Edie Norman Wombwell** and George (Aspen, CO and Louisville, KY). The Wombwell's middle son, Van, was married recently and lives in Houston. Their youngest, Andy, produces CD's for Rhino Records in Los Angeles. David holds the family to their Louisville roots with 3 adorable, active children. Edie and George are spending more and more time in Aspen: hiking, camping, volunteering in county gov't., at the music festival, the hospital, Aspen Chapel, etc. Another Houstonite,

Gloria Rawls Askew, reports that her daughter, Allyson, was voted "Top Pediatric Surgeon" by fellow surgeons in the D.C. area. Quite an honor!

Ann Leonard Hodges (Ft. Worth, TX) is busy with her 3 children and 6 grandchildren. In Feb. Ann and Leland went to Hong Kong, China and Japan. Ann is an orchid grower and hopes to pick up tips at the Chelsea Flower Show in May. **Cinnie Moorhead McNair** (San Antonio, TX) reports that Norm still hasn't retired, but has cut back a little. Their 3 sons and 8 grandchildren live nearby. **Betty Boone Lewis** and Hal (Las Vegas, NV) have 6 children (a lawyer, a V.P. at Warner Bros. TV Productions, an operations mgr. for a jewelry firm, a wedding coordinator for Caesar's Palace where hundreds of weddings take place each year, a landscape architect, and a teacher) and 7 grandchildren. Betty and Hal love living in the "Entertainment Capital of the World."

Anne "Kim" Green Stone and John (Gardnerville, NV) built an indoor riding arena to offer horse training year-round. The response was overwhelming and they were full a week after they opened. They had two marvelous trips to England with a side trip to St. Andrews where Kim spent her Jr. Yr. Abroad. **Kay Ven-nard Leblanc** is no longer on the "lost" list. She surfaced in Kansas City, MO where she just retired from teaching Amer. & Brit. Lit. for 30 yrs. (She says she owes it all to Littlejohn who taught her to analyze poetry.) Kay now enjoys volunteer work, tutoring, and traveling with Joseph. **Ginger Timmons Ludwick** and Dave (LA, CA) sent a lovely picture of daughter Leslie's (SBC '80) Valentine's Day wedding. **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack (Norfolk, VA) visited them recently and were treated to tours of the new Getty Museum, and all around Lala land. The Clarksons took a 3-week trip to India in Jan. **Ginny Dunlap Shelton** and Tom (Atlanta, GA) were supposed to go with them, but Ginny broke both elbows and another arm bone so they had to cancel. However, the Sheltons did get to celebrate at the Peach Bowl (U.VA vs. U.GA) with **Polly Sloan Shoemaker** and Jim.

Nancy McGinnis Whitehead will be moving this summer from Escondido, CA to Brevard, NC bringing her 14-yr. old grandson with her. I think her total of 16 grandchildren (biological, step and surrogate) puts her at the head of the class. Moving even farther is **Sallie Gayle Beck** who has departed Raleigh, NC to take up residence in Merida, Yucatan, Mex. She sold, gave away, threw out everything; drove 3400 miles; found a new, furnished apt., settled into this historic city and is blissfully happy. **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** (Atlantic Beach, FL) retired after 20 yrs. as Director of Leadership Jacksonville. She and Garnett spent 3 weeks in the Scottish highlands and plan a Feb. trip to London. They make frequent visits to daughter, Elizabeth in Watertown, CT. **Jane Arata Pickett** and Bob (Vero Beach, FL) saw their son married in the courtyard of the historic French Market Inn in New Orleans in Nov. The newlyweds will be in the NYC area. June and Bob spent Thanksgiving with their 4 grandchildren in Denver.

Joan Arey Harrison and Chuck are building another house at Landfall in Wilmington, NC. It keeps Chuck busy while Joan is traveling (most recently Hong Kong, Tokyo, Kyoto), reading for 2

book clubs and working on AAUW activities. She is so glad she came to reunion. Can't wait for the next one. Another NEW homeowner is **Jane Perry Liles**. Still in Concord, NC she and George now abide in a gorgeous Southern Living home built by their son, Jack. George was re-elected mayor of Concord. **Isabel Grayson Parish** and Hav (Pinehurst, NC) have temporarily put aside adventures to wild, exotic places and done most of their traveling via "Locum Tenens" (substitute doctor). Recently they were in the Hudson River Valley which they loved. They saw **Liz Gibson Brooks** and George in West Redding, CT and had a wonderful sail on George's boat. Isabel's oldest son is Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans. Hav and Izzy will hedge hop their plane across the country this summer ending up in British Columbia for a Wilderness Medical Seminar. The Brooks will be in London in May and plan a golf outing to NC in June. **Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J. (Lake Wylie, NC) won a trip to the Costa del Sol last Dec. which gave them an excuse to visit old friends and old haunts in Spain, plus spend Christmas in England. A trip back to Palos Verdes in Feb. gave them a chance to rendezvous with CA friends.

Ann King Dietrich (Great Falls, VA) writes that Beau retired last summer. They had an exciting trip to MS to watch their son take command of the cruiser, *USS Ticonderoga*. A fall jaunt to Eng., Scot., and Ireland is in the works. **Kitty Guerrant Fields** (Richmond, VA) spent Aug. in Harbour Springs, MI with friends, got caught in the Northwest Airlines Strike and ended up staying 6 weeks. Kitty and daughter, Frances, took a marvelous fall cruise to Turkey, the Greek Isles, and the Holy Land. **Maggie Graves McClung** and David (Salem, VA) say "Nothing is happening." Hal With 6 grandchildren very nearby, don't believe it. They spend a lot of time at home and on their boat at Smith Mt. Lake. **Dolly Wallace Hartman** (Charleston, WV) and her daughter, Mary, put on an art show together. Talent runs in the family. **Anne Joyce Wyman** and Joseph (NYC) spent New Year's in London visiting daughter Anneka and her husband. Later they cruised from Santiago, Chile to Brazil via Cape Horn and the Falkland Is. Future trips are planned to Switzerland and for a cruise on the Elbe. When the Wymans are at home it's usually at their house on L.I. **Flo Pye Apy** and Chet (Little Silver, NJ) B&B's it through Ireland after reunion. In Sept. they added a new grandson to their roster which necessitated 3 trips to CA (birth, christening, babysitting). They'll go to Mexico City in the spring. **Patti Tighe Waldon** (Flemington, NJ) is another who is now sold on reunions. She just had a mini one in Princeton with Flo Apy and **Jeanna Duff**. Patti's 4th grandchild was born in Aug. and Patti does a lot of babysitting. She went to England in Sept. and CA in Feb. **Mary Kimball Greer** and Bos's (Madison, CT) big news is the wedding of son, Roger, last fall. Mary and Bos spent 3 weeks in the Grand Caymans last winter. **Kay Amsden** (Rochester, NH) is editor/publisher of KALM Publishing. Her friend is the author. They are on their 3rd book, *A Horse In The Ladies Room*, a humorous look at a NH Country Inn.

Caroline Miller Ewing and Bud (Louisville, KY) toured Monaco and

Provence fall '98 and plan '99 trips to FL, NC, and Ireland. Caroline is already pushing SBC with her 5-yr. old granddaughter. She and Bud loved reunion and are sorry they put it off for 45 yrs. They promise to return for the 50th. We hope you all will. It really is such fun. **Jane Dawson Mudwilder** (Louisville, KY) has grandchildren on Hilton Head. She keeps saying she'll call, but they keep her too busy. However, we do see **Jackie Lowe Young** and **Dick** (Bethlehem, PA) when they are down here for the winter. Jackie says all 3 of their children moved into new houses (1 in Raleigh, 2 in Atlanta) while their parents are still in the same old digs. John and I love living on Hilton Head so our travels are short; fishing in the Keys in April, my 50th H.S. reunion in May, and various kid-visiting jaunts.

I hate to end on a sad note, but the Alum. Office received word in Jan. that **Faith Catlin Peters** died 11/98. We send condolences to her family.

Ed.'s Note: **Nancy Goldie McTaggart** died March 10, 1999. Her husband called to give the sad news. Nancy's daughter Kate McTaggart Allen is Class of 1981 at SBC.

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President: Nancie Howe Entenmann
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1998 has been a year of great loss for those of us from Louisville; the sudden death of Mary Rodes Lannert, beautiful daughter of **Barbara Collis Rodes** and husband Joe, and our classmate **Eve Altsheler Jay**, also very suddenly.

Remembering, that when you read these notes almost a full year has passed for most of the news, we know that this is a review of events of 1998. Such as **Debby Brown Stalker**, who has ten grandchildren and can't believe they have been living in Santa Barbara for 13 years. They spent the holidays in their NYC apartment. **Bunny Burwell Nesbit** is into her PC, which is not easy because of her lousy eyesight. Her email address is bunny@crosslink.net, so get in touch. She is in a small community (pop 200) and finds it hard to get around as she cannot drive, but life is "pretty good and full." **Nancy Howe Entenmann** asks if we want to consider a memorial for our class and that we give it thought before our 45th reunion. She and Dick have been traveling, as usual; Hawaii, Japan, China, Canada, and Santa Fe. **Karen Steinhardt Kirkbride** continues with DOD-Army and Dick with Defense Information Systems Agency. She lost her mother at 93 in 1998. From **Peggy Pattillo Beckham**, they have all 4 children living in Abilene and are watching the grandchildren grow up too fast! A trip to Costa Rica and Panama was planned for Feb. **Betty Pierce Bradshaw** is a retired busy! Her advertising career is history and husband Jack will retire in Sept. They will stay in Houston as the children and grandchildren are there. They vacation in Sea Island each year and Betty volunteers for and serves on the board of a Christian Theatre Group. **Ginny Echols Orgain** loved finding **Lousia Hunt Coker** among 47,000 in the Charlottesville Stadium! They had a good visit. Ginny said

she was with **Jeanne Applequist** and all of the Richmond gang at Prince's Christmas coffee. She and John have one granddaughter and enjoy spending time with her. Louisa says they're enjoying their 5 grandchildren and had a great trip up the Danube. She loved Budapest and wants to go back. Prince adds that Jeanne was in town for a funeral and she lives on a ranch in Crawford, CO. Joe and Prince were in France in Sept. and by chance ended up in a restaurant seated next to "**Kip**" **Newlin Archinal** '57 and they had fun working out the SBC connection. **Mary Ann Hicklin Quarngesser**'s youngest daughter, Susan, was married in Baltimore in Oct. to Brooks Amist, also an attorney. **Catherine Lotterhos Mills** and husband Henry have bought a summer home in Hendersonville, about 12 miles from Arden where Mary Ann lives, and they are having a wonderful time continuing a friendship begun at St. Catherine's in 1950. **Nancy St. Clair Talley** says nothing has changed in her life, "which at our stage is probably cause for celebration." An interesting note from Virginia?, who wrote that she is now Mrs. James Rainer, the postcard was stamped Memphis but gave no other info. (Do write both maiden and married name on your cards.) **Frances Gilbert Browne** has another grandson (3rd) born in Oct. to their oldest son, Howard. They are busy preparing for the April wedding of their youngest son, Paul. They celebrated their 40th with all the children at Sea Island, spring of 1998. **Jo Early Eberwine** expects a third grandchild in Jan. and will leave for their FL condo. They had just returned from Egypt and Israel. **Jane Black Clark** and David are truly enjoying retirement. They were in NW Canada last summer and "the scenery is breathtaking" as well as great for golfing and walking. **Ashby Hopkins** '84, their youngest, is giving them their ninth grandchild in June. **Joan Broman Wright** and Jim traveled a lot in 1998, this includes Jim's big reunion at Choate and a trip through New England, a trip with sister **Janet Dingle** '51 to San Francisco and a fabulous cruise and land trip to AK. "I think of our SBC days often and remember the snows," writes **Bet Forbes Rayburn**. Don't we all! She has a daughter living in Paris for six months while her husband teaches, and Bet plans to visit. Otherwise she is busy keeping up with 7 grandchildren and farming. **Mary Alice Major Duncan** and Graham have moved from their home of 37 years into town; Hopkinsville, KY. They welcomed their eighth grandchild in Dec. **Ann Allen** writes excitedly about being at the foundry in Beacon, NY for the unveiling of the model for Leonard Da Vinci's horse to be given to the people of Italy by US citizens on the 500th anniversary of the destruction of Leonardo's own model for the Duke of Milano. She and Tom plan to be in Milan for the dedication. (See Smithsonian Mag. 9/98) **Janet Monroe Schumann** is very busy as Director of Major Gifts for the Whiting School of Engineering at John Hopkins Univ. She and her partner of four years are enjoying a peaceful existence and she is learning to "slow down a bit and not try to do it all." She has a daughter in Barbados, a daughter in Washington DC and a son in West Palm Beach. **Lee Chang Crozier** is well and keeping busy with church, community and 5 beautiful grandchildren. A great Christmas letter from **Park-**

sie Carroll Mulholland enumerates many adventures with children and grand children (5) and a purchase of a condo in South Ft. Myers FL. This is in celebration of Jack's retirement and a new life together. She is still judging for the Garden Club of America and lecturing locally on horticulture. Interestingly, she reads weekly to an older lady, who is nearly blind. They have just finished the English translation of the Iliad and the Odyssey. "My years in latin helped greatly with pronunciation." Another Christmas letter from **Barbara Darnall Clinton** details a busy life in Houston. They were planning to be in New Orleans to support the Texas Aggies in the Sugar Bowl and she continues to be active with the Aggie Moms as well as her choir. A Jan. letter from Raleigh and **Nancy Ettinger Minor** describes an active year that included a temporary move to Jacksonville, FL, after Raleigh retired from his business and took on a project in that area. That is now ending and they plan to "go see and do things we've always put off." **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes** writes excitedly about the birth of grandchild number 9 to her daughter Cary and her husband William and they named her Carolyn Dickinson Wahlheim. Carolyn is thrilled. She continues with her landscape design and they travel a lot. From **Peggy Ann Rogers** news that she has finished her updating of the book she has been working on; *Literary Guide and Companion to Southern England* by Dr. Robert M. Cooper. She loved doing it and has given a copy to John Jaffe for the SBC library. Life for **Meredith Smythe Grider** and Paul has changed after he retired from private practice and took a new job teaching in the Family Practice unit at the U of L medical school. He loves training the residents, plus the lack of call and can't believe he is being paid for having so much fun! Still traveling and running the store—just came back from Belize and will be in Sanibel and MI for the summer. As for the Nicholls, we are trying to do it all, working and traveling! So far in 1999, we have been to Palm Desert, CA for a Morgan-Keegan outing, an adventure trip to Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, plus a golf trip to the Dominican Republic and FL for Robert. I joined daughter Martha, when she introduced 14 college students to France in Jan.; traveling as a student was very interesting! Now, I must sell houses to spend time in June in St. Remy (Provence). Son Rob is teaching English as a second language in Barcelona and will join us there. All the best to you faithful correspondents—let's hear from more of you! Until next time, love, M&M.

1959

President: Courtney Gibson Pelley
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Betsy Smith White

Ya'll, we have two brides!! Our own **Jini Jones** is now Mrs. John Vail of Watertown, CT, huzzah, Jini! **Susan Taylor Montague** married old friend Howard Reese last June, is house-hunting and is Susan Taylor Montague-Reese!! (way to go!)

We have so many grandbabies and super progeny now we cannot name them (Notes' word allowance cut yet

again, to 1000, so TALK FAST.)

We have very sad news: **Connie Fitzgerald Lange** died last summer; and **Kitty Guy Weatherford** in October.

If you sent a divine, witty postcard and get skipped here, I apologize profusely. Byron and I bought a new flat house; I got cold-colder-flu etc.; sold old pet house (**Sally Beattie Sinkler**, bless her, our wonderful agent); moved; Byron frisky with relief leaving closing, fell off one little step, broke another leg; 3 more weeks in hospital; home now in wheelchair again. You can imagine the state of the Notes' notes...Love the house, tho'.

Cookie Cooke Carle got last year's card here in time for now-late but cheery "hey!", and sent great scrapbook questionnaire; in fact all 15 (?) are interesting. Nearly everybody wears only T-shirts and jeans; is worried over Decline of Good Manners, and is generally content. Can't repeat them all here but nifty notes from **Martha Ann Burnet Carlisle**; **Rachel Bok Goldman**; **Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith**; and **Deborah Dunning** who is SBC Alumna-in-Residence this year. Great photos too-you should come to reunions and see! Former **Farmer, Alice Cary, Brown** has too much to tell (Garden Club of America VP, etc. etc.) and thrives and is fun. President Missus (**Courtney Gibson**) **Pelley** types (plays well with others) and writes nifty letters; **Susan Glass** blows glass !!! in her studio with youngest son, in Washington state. **Caroline Green** sends y'all her best regards.

Alice Cary had guest looking great, **Elsie Pritchard Carter** in November and works with **Betsy Smith White, Ann Young Bloom** and Courtney on Reunion. **Jane Jamison Messer** has lovely legible hand, hosted roomie **Karen McKenzie Smith** "we still liked each other!" and plans to see **Sue Pohl Moulton** at Mom's in FL; and visited too with **Linda Knickerbocker Ford** and **Snowdon Durham Byron**. **Isa-Mary Lowe Ziegler** is still travelling a lot with her bishop, Alvin; and doing tons of GCA work running stuff and judging (really an awesome list). **Jane Moore Banks** is gradually retiring from family elder care business and her children are taking over. "Looking forward to retirement fun."

Sorrel Mackall McElroy is enjoying new life outside Richmond amidst woods, horses and grands with occasionally retired spouse. "We're having fun." **Judy Nevins LeHardy** and Cap'n. moved to Kilmarnock on the Va. Northern neck and we hope she's (everybody's) coming to reunion. The Rev. **Fleming Parker Rutledge**'s new book *The Bible and the New York Times* sold out its 1st printing in 6 weeks. She is preaching all over U.S. this year and plans to Reune, too. Yay!

Judy Sorley Chalmers photo is astonishingly beautiful; she does lots of medical missionary work in Panama and Ecuador—mostly children's orthopedics and plastics. And she "still has a flat in London" and will come to SBC in May. **Polly Space Dunn** loves Cashiers; golf and painting and sees **Lizora Miller Yonce** and **Nina Hopkins Raine** there. Precious **Tabb Thornton Farinholt** is coming also, and is "still married, still working, still in Gloucester and still healthy; feel lucky!"

Judy Watts Buchanan in MD, gets to celebrate her Mother's 88 birthday but same time as Reunion. She still is at Johns Hopkins; been a widow 12 years, has 3 grands and some lovely travels.

"Life is not all work." Aloha! **Ali Wood Thompson** did nifty ship trip Juneau to Seattle, "uniform was binoculars, long underwear, rain gear and high boots." Her "Trav" has retired; Judy runs her band "The Plunkers" and is coming to reunion. Are you?

1962

President: Jocelyn Palmer Connors

Secretary: Parry Ellice Adam

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Congratulations to **Katie Crommelin Milton**, our own Distinguished Alumna of the Year. A very impressive acceptance speech is in the Winter 1999 alumnae magazine. She continued her endeavors in Panama in early 1998. **Anne Allen Symonds** and Taft spent Thanksgiving in San Francisco and Christmas in Crested Butte with sons Allen, Jonathon, and David. **Marcia Armstrong Scholl** is still teaching in France. **Juliette Anthony** is active with the Audubon Conservation Committee, preserving the San Francisco Bay environment.

Our sympathy to **Martha Baum Hartmann** at the loss of husband Helmut following a trip to Alaska in July. She continues to play bluegrass banjo and golf. Share **Laura Connerat Lawton's** "Discover Savannah" CD-ROM on her web page www.savannahcdrom.com. She is Education Specialist for Performance, Systems and Training, Inc. **Louise Durham Purvis'** husband John is campaigning for re-election to the European Parliament. She will be a Lady-in-Waiting at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh for 10 days in May. **Fran Early**, although officially "retired," works full-time pro bono for Greater Boston Interfaith Organization involving political action.

Linda Emery Miller is Strategic System Development consultant with the Iowa Dept. of Ed. **Elizabeth Farmer Owen** enjoys husband Doug's retirement with both children's families living in Louisville. **Lizzie Fleet Wallace's** oldest son Gordon and Caroline (SBC '87) moved back to Richmond so all 6 grandchildren are there too. **Mig Garrity Sturr's** travel industry career took her to Russia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain and Morocco. Dara-Lynn marries in May. **Jean Ganit Nuzum's** son Henry rows for the Harvard team which won "The Ladies Plate" at Henley, presented by Prince Phillip. Christine is a reporter for the Durham Herald-Sun. **Tolise Gathin Norwood** is a Program Analyst at the Gov't Printing Office. Husband David is a Computer Specialist at the Navy Yard. **Brooke Hamilton MacKinnon** teaches English in Atlanta to students from Mexico and Viet Nam. **Peggy Johnson Laney** finished year as TN Chapter President of American Society of Interior Designers.

Loti Kennedy Dunn fund-raises for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, VA aiding H.S. seniors. Hobbies are painting, sculpting and knee therapy. **Dru McEachern Martin** and Bill are retired and enjoyed the SBC trip to Austria in Feb. **Puddin Newbury Lansing** is a great grandmother and doing church work, taking the Stephen Ministry training.

Kim Patmore Cool is Business, Arts and Leisure, and Home Editor of the Venice (FL) Gondolier as well as judging skating. **Peg Pulis Herrick** continues to paint. She has started a travel program,

"Journey Daybook," teaching the art of the creative journal at JOURNEY DAY @ aol.com.

Mary Jane Schroder Oliver thanks you all for your kindness at the loss of Loren last September.

Julia Shields retired in June after 30 years of teaching. **Janice Smith Stearns** has been managing investment properties in Palm Beach for German investors for 19 years. **Mary Steketee MacDonald's** son Chris was married in Syracuse last summer. Outdoor sports and travel fill her time between H&R Block and work at the Saratoga Race Track. **Jingles Street Robinson** is Editor-in-Chief/VP of Moon-dance, an international electronic magazine which celebrates the creativity of women. (<http://www.moondance.org>)

Lydia Taylor's travels included Oregon, S. America, Greece, Turkey, Israel and Spain visiting children and attending Bar Assoc. events. **Macon Winfree Hilton** welcomed 2 grandchildren early in '98 followed by extensive travel to the Eastern Mediterranean and Far East.

Unfortunately, I report the passing of **Lynne Rynders Welch** on Aug. 12, 1998. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Our first grandchild, **Ellice Marie Falivene**, was born to Gladden (SBC '90) and Phil 1/30/99. I also celebrated 25 years of my consignment shop.

Sincere thanks to you all for terrific response. Wish we could print all your news but brevity is dictated by new magazine format.

1965

President: Sarah Porter Boehmle

Secretary: Harriet Wall Martin

Fund Agent: Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger

SBC's word limit constrains the spirit of your news and opposes defining the tenor of our 50's. Thus follows my erratic slaughter of your good postcards.

Sally Rasco Thomas, though "not where she thought she'd be in her mid-50's," is Development Director-San Diego Public Library (her greatest joy a 3-year-old-granddaughter); divorced 2 years, she owns a cozy condo. **Carol Ann Reifsnnyder Rhoads**, in medical research (LSU), currently studies oxidative damage to cells/cell death. Her offspring include grandson Nathan via daughter Jennifer in Winston-Salem, Richard - med student (U-Mass.), and the youngest at U-Col, where they bought a house. With "IBM still treating her great," bionic **Genie Dickey Caldwell** boasts a perfect new left hip and a return to birding excursions, but awaits right hip replacement. **Brooke Patterson Mahlsted** welcomes visitors to her new San Diego home. She's selling her former home ("bought all by myself" during her divorce); son Doug is nearby but Andrew in Boston. **Melinda Musgrove Chapman** sits for baby girl of daughter Brook, also in Birmingham, and has 3 grandchildren in Charlotte via son Richard (wife Melinda); daughter Jennifer is in DC. Herb and **Susan Hobbs Crowder** moved to Charlottesville, she with a new studio (McGuffey Art Center), he started a new program at Darden. **Kathleen Watson Taylor** - husband Marshall (radiologist/Washington, NC)-has Carney in IM residency (Vanderbilt). Anne working/studying in Asheville, Selden at VMI. Knee woes plus Achilles tendon surgery

curtailed beloved activities, but she's still with Bible study, school volunteering, and gardening.

From Houston and their summer Santa Fe home, **Babette Fraser Hale's** Windale Publishing produced *Ordinary Paradise* (well-received in *Boston Globe*, NYT) and 3 more books scheduled for fall; son Will is in Manhattan. **Dabney Williams McCoy** enjoys both sons in Richmond, one newly married. Daughter Catherine is at UNC, planning a Paris semester. With Marian and Laura married and Louise independent, **Laura Haskell Phinizy** joined husband Stewart in real estate. **Bunny Sutton Healy** divides time between Boston/Berkshires and among two teenagers and husband Jay, Mass. Food-Agriculture Commissioner. **Susan Strong McDonald**, through with Art History preliminary exams, works on her dissertation, continues painting, and enjoys two grandchildren. **Sonja Howell Baum**, part-time "Weekender" fashion coordinator and volunteer for the Albuquerque Symphony Guild, has 3 children in 20's; husband Chris has a retirement job as systems analyst for NM Bar. Daughter Nina finished an Antarctica research stint, then tuned up her car, to which she attached 3 mountain bikes, and "took off" for a master's in biology-Montana State. **Judy Howe Behn's** tax work increases as has the size of their summer home in RI. Son Mark at MIT works on his Ph.D. thesis in Geophysics. The youngest of **Belle Williams Smith** heads for college after Woodberry Forest; middle daughter is at Sotheby's (NYC), and older daughter (Ph.D.-Tulane) is engaged. Belle remains an active volunteer with charities.

Perhaps our outreach can merge with **Sally Hubbard's** support of daughter Anna, who with AIDS has ridden LONG bike rides to raise funds. Sally crewed for two rides and fed thousands of meals to other crews. This year her family raised about \$25,000! NOW Anna, who says that next year is her last, will do all five Tanqueray American AIDS Rides. Though Sally fears this goal is too much for Anna, she swears her willingness to do the fundraising since Anna is willing to ride. Sally's e-mail: hubbbs@fone.net

Mary K. Lee McDonald, a "referral only" real estate consultant, has son John in Richmond (Bell Industries) and Bryan finishing his political science masters (Va. Tech), headed for a Ph.D. masters/political science. NYC art history lecturer **Magda Salvesen** spends '99 publicizing the autobiography of her late husband, American abstract expressionist painter Jon Schueler. She declares, "...thinking of writing a book on artists' widows! What an extraordinary breed we are"! **Dryden Childs Murck's** daughter brought 8 years of London life and her parents transferred 56 years of MD to Savannah homes near Dryden. Two more grandchildren are incubating. **Traylor Rucker** hopes for change from Charleston weather on SBC's Salzburg trip. **Connie Triplette Barker** and doctor husband Bill have a grandson via daughter Mary (with husband David in Raleigh), who teaches autistic children. Son Roger at Oberlin pursues lifelong dreams to be an actor. **Olivia McGregor Leon** loves work at St. John Knit Boutique (5th Ave.) and as Associate Professor-Fashion Inst. of Technology. Daughter Olivia McBurney Leon, graduate of The Annenberg School of Communication (U-PA), works at the

Food Network and got Mom a spot on "The View" with Emeril Lagasse. **Chris Kilcullen Thurlow** proclaims the splendor of travel and free time. A family of traders includes international daughter Katie (Merrill Lynch-London), son Michael (NYC) and husband Steve with a Swiss bank. In addition to teaching English to foreign professionals, Chris has a garden design firm (Quite Contrary Gardens) and her own garden is in the National Conservancy as a "garden to visit."

Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger travels to mid-NC to visit daughter Kate (vet school-NC State) plus **Linda Schwaab Hodges**. Though mothers of many accomplished children, they only discuss their numerous jumbo animals. Meantime, **Blair Both** (now nearby in Louisville) and I examine our less frenetic living. We call **Sarah Porter Boehmle** (NYC) to relay compliments about her wonderful daughters (twins Jean and Liz working in Charlotte and Alexis at Davidson). Brenda reported her and **Trudy Dowd Hatch's** attendance at the magnificent Texas-style wedding of **Mary K. Pederson Kyger's** daughter Caroline Boone (W&L). Also, she delivered a clipping re **Emily Pleasants Smith**, who received Opera Carolina's Award of Merit for extraordinary volunteer service.

Clearly SBC's 1000-word confinement and YOUR meager words do not fully convey your interesting lives. I'm eyeing an axe as a possible appendage to my squalid Taurus to find you and extract your stories.

1968

President: Martha Bennett Pritchett

Secretary: Lynne Gardner Detmer

Fund Agents: Barbara Johnson Prickett, Ann Peterson Griffin

Greetings to all 68ers! Reunion at the Patch last year was marvelous. Make an effort this year to have mini-reunions, using the addresses sent to you with the unabridged class notes. We have so much shared history, and we are ALL so interesting!

Lorna Allen Sorley is with AIM Management, mutual funds. She is working on the Euro and Y2K challenges. She saw Suzanne Little on New Year's Day. **Christina Bacchiani Schieffelin's** activities revolve around her family, volunteer positions, Bible study, and efforts to keep fit and healthy. **Barbara Baur Dunlap** reports that Charlie and she "still" feel young. They continue to give seminars in Africa, Bermuda, and Hawaii.

Ann Biggs Jackson and Cary completed renovation of their farmhouse. Ann is looking forward to this year's crop of foals and the new racing season. **Lesley Bissell Hoopes** continues with her museum work, adding a new tour, "The Arts of Ancient Greece and Rome". As "required" homework for this project, she and Toby took a trip in the fall tracing the journey of Odysseus from Istanbul to Athens.

Susan Bokan has "happily repatriated to Saratoga Springs", where she renovates Victorian buildings. She visited **Christina Bacchiani Schieffelin** in Dallas. **Melinda Brown Everett** and her high school sweetheart husband of 5 years, Vincent Klos, moved to Newburyport, MA. Melinda is working part time in an advertising/PR agency in Cambridge.

She is also working as special events coordinator for the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society. She enjoyed seeing **Phoebe Brunner Peacock** in D.C.

Anne Cabaniss, a free lance film commercial producer, has moved back to Atlanta. **Kate Buster** continues to climb in the Rockies, although she had to repair some damage to the body from the years of wear and tear. **Katherine Cooley** "just continues to work...no weddings or grandchildren yet". **Suzanne Evans Reeves** loves living in Providence, RI. Both of her children, Evan and Liza, were married this summer. Susie continues to be active in the community in the arts and in preservation.

Yours truly, **Lynne Gardner Detmer**, avid class secretary, enjoys each minute with family, friends, music, and jewelry creation. I fulfilled a life-long dream this past year as a regularly employed professional musician, singing with an cappella sextet of fabulous artists. Jim and I enjoyed two Windstar cruises, one in the Mediterranean, and one along the coast of Costa Rica. **Nancy Hickox Wright** says, "I know I'm a little biased—but there can't be a greater group of women as a whole anywhere than our class." **Anne Kinsey Dinan** says that doing the Ginkoha commercial was a "real hoot—and the best part is hearing from people who somehow managed to recognize me in the split second that I'm actually on the air!" She continues as a legal secretary, and draws at night. Husband Terry is back in NYC as Director of the Wally Findlay Gallery.

Jennie Lyons Fogarty is an administrative assistant at The Family Works. She, Ann Peterson Griffin, and Sandy Waters "stretched our enjoyable Reunion by spending a few more days at Bethany Beach, DE." **Tonia Macneil** is still struggling with huge back problems. After a microdiscectomy to repair a ruptured disc 1/98, she has been pursuing Feldenkrais physical therapy, which helps her to "keep on keeping on". Being a landlady has also proved a challenge to equanimity.

Kathryn McLain Brault travels frequently out of the country. She has two children, daughter Kelley and son Jean. **Pamela McConnell Post**, now living in Cambridge, MA, will marry a broadcast journalist in the spring. A writing teacher, her "An essay in four parts" will be published in Women Writers writing on Breast Cancer. **Celia Newberg Steingold** is a docent at the National Gallery, and does custom dried flower arrangements on the side. She and Stu plan a trip to South Africa this spring.

Penny Oliver Hawkins's log house in MT is almost complete. She had a wonderful family trip to London last year. **Ann Peterson Griffin** is working in a needlepoint/stationery store part time, as well as continuing as a docent at the Dallas Museum of Art. In the fall she had a good time living in a garage apartment in Paris. **Vicky Pitts Hildreth** had a good visit with children and grandchildren in SC. She lives just "a stone's throw away" from Sandy Waters. **Julie Seibels Northup** graduated from U. Washington Law School last year. She and Fred moved to Atlanta, where she is an Associate in a labor and employment law firm. Newly "civilian" after 25 years as an Episcopal parish priest, Fred has started a new organization, Athletes for a Better World. **Amy Thompson McCand-**

less's book on the history of women's higher education in the twentieth-century South, *The Past in the Present*, has just been published. Amy is chair of both the Historic Commission of Mount Pleasant and the Charleston Area Lutheran Campus Ministry, first vice president of the Southern Association for Women Historians, and a member of the editorial board of the S.C. Historical magazine.

Suzanne Torgan Weston toured the British Isles, MT, and ID by motorcycle. She continues to enjoy software testing in the aerospace field. **Michal Twine** is still busy with interior design, working in San Francisco as well as the Boston area. On a Western vacation last year, she visited with **Sandy Waters**.

Lisa Walker operates her own landscape design and installation business. **Connie Williams de Bordenave** is still doing art shows with her jewelry. Once her youngest finishes high school, she will travel with Tad. **Christine Witcover Dean** prosecutes drug dealers and their organizations with the U.S. Attorney's Office. She rides her horse and tap-dances to keep fit.

Betsy Wolfe sold her private practice and is now working "95% time" for UCSF as a clinical supervisor of their parent program in Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute. She and Ed have been using the 5% extra time for skiing expeditions, including the Mt. Blanc Glacier in Chamonix. **Marshalyne Yeargin Allsopp** continues at the Center for Disease Control doing research in developmental disabilities.

1971

President: Jacque Penny
Secretary: Caroline Tuttle Murray
Fund Agent: Camilla Crocker Wodehouse

Our word limit keeps getting shorter. I'm sorry I have to leave out so much! **Frances Barnes Kenamer** (Montgomery) reports that all is well with her family. **Mary Bell Parks** (Loveland, CO) is teaching and still fighting cancer. We are wishing her the best! **Martha Bickham Singleton** has retired. She and her husband divide their time between Bethesda, MD and CO, with lots of golf/ski trips in between. **Marjorie Black** (Bozeman, MT) is single-parenting a daughter while solo-practicing law. **Cami Crocker Wodehouse** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) has a daughter at U of Richmond, a son in Australia, and continues as a guardian ad litem and county water tester. **Betty Duson** reports all is well in Houston. **Michela English** (DC) is still with Discovery, continues leading a hectic family life, and is recovering from a recent trip to the Galapagos Islands! **Mimi Fahs** (NY) is at the New School University as the director of the Health Policy Research Center. Her son is a baseball fanatic and her partner is renovating their country house. We are immensely proud of **Kathy Garcia Pegues** (Warrenton, VA), who is currently president of the SBC Alumnae Association! Her daughter, an SBC junior, is in Seville and her son is choosing a college. She and husband John are still in the education business. **Barbara Gracey Backer** (Delray Beach) has a full life with the activities of her children, board service, and organising spiritually-oriented lun-

cheons for friends. **Sue Greenwald** (Hoboken, NJ) participated in the National Race for the Cure and has had visits from and has visited several SBCers. **Katie Horan** (Chadds Ford, PA) has a house full of English Cockeris which compete in agility. **Anne Helms Cooper** (Lynchburg) completed her masters and is a child therapist. Her daughter finished at NC State and her husband has a new job. She is also a grandmother. **Gale Hull Whetzel** (Columbus, OH) had a kidney removed (cancer) but is now doing well. She's been married 25 years and continues volunteering. Her boys are in their 20's. **Carolyn Jones Walthall** is administrator of Youth Leadership Mobile. One son graduated from Dartmouth and the other is at Brown. Julian continues as pastor at Central Presbyterian. **Margaret Mackie Wright** has relocated and is a radiologist in Northern VA. Her son is at Colgate. In the past year, she got married, built a new home, and survived breast cancer! **Lynne Manov Sprinsky** (Montoursville, PA) reports, "Life is good—and I've been good too!" **Amanda Megargee Sutton** (Petersburg, VA) is now teaching kindergarten. Her 15 year old son is a competitive swimmer. She remains active in her church and with her hobbies. **Mary Frances Oakley Aiken** (Roanoke) celebrated her fiftieth with her husband on a FL vacation and they ended up buying a condo. **Jacque Penny** (Miami Beach) is enjoying her new job with Celebrity Cruises. She receives a nice note every year from our scholarship recipient and says we did a great thing in setting that up. **Martha Roton Terry** (Mobile) is a systems analyst with EDS. Her son is selecting a college and is captain of his golf team. Her daughter competes nationally in dance. **Barbara Smith Young's** (Lexington, KY) son graduated from Duke and is in San Francisco and her daughter is at UVA. She and husband Bill visited the Middle East and got back just before the bombing in Iraq. **Alix Sommer Pearce** (Fredericksburg, VA) has built a new house with her soon-to-be husband and is supervising gifted services and summer school. **Elodie Taylor Thompson** (Monroe, VA) is a library media specialist and is always looking for distant pen pals for kids 6-11. **Brooke Thomas Dodd** (Houston) is back in the job market after 15 years at home and has had three jobs in 18 months. She's now a paralegal. **Libby Tyree Taylor** (Atherton, CA) ran for school board and won! She has a daughter in h.s. and a sixth-grade son. Her husband is a corporate lawyer with high tech clients worldwide. **Sally Uptegrove Lee** (Nashville) remains cancer-free and is still teaching. Husband Bob has his masonry company and her daughter attends school in San Antonio. **Beverly Van Zandt Mickley** (Shoreacres, TX) has a small sailboat business and does human resources consulting. She keeps busy with her children in middle and high school. **Wendy Weiss Smith** (Durham, NC) is on the Garden Club board and teaches ESL. She and husband Gilbert snorkeled in South America and plan a trip to the San Juan Islands. **Patsy Wheeler Maddox** (Amherst, VA) teaches middle school and has daughters at W & L Law and Roanoke College. **Linda Whitlow Knight** (Nashville) visited Italy last summer with her daughters, one of whom graduated from William and Mary and the other who will be attending SMU. Husband

Dick completed his Masters in Health Administration. **Kathy Wilson Lamb** (Atlanta) works at the school her children attended. One daughter is in Charlotte and the other is at W & L. She and her husband Rex hope to move to VA when he retires. **Nancy Wood Ambrosino** (Ann Arbor, MI) has children at Northwestern and Ohio U and still has three at home! She teaches and husband Drake is in the real estate/building business. **Beverly Wright Miller** (Lynchburg) teaches Latin and is Regional Director for the Odyssey of the Mind. She and husband Roger have a ten-year-old daughter. **Barb Wuehrmann** (Grand Rapids, MI) has retired from full-time family practice. She and her already retired husband will be spending winters in AZ. She is enjoying hiking and teaching Spanish and computer lessons. **Alisa Yust Rowe** (Houston) stays busy with family, friends, and attempts to publish a novel. One daughter graduated from UVA and another is at the U of St. Thomas in Houston. As for me, **Caroline Tuttle Murray**, I just keep plugging along. Rick keeps working too hard. Our daughter at Carolina is having far too much fun and our h.s. son is studying way too hard. Many of you mentioned in your cards the approaching (or already approached) BIG 5-0. It simply doesn't seem possible to be this age. Makes the SBC years all the more precious doesn't it?

1974

President: Jane Reeb Chadwick
Secretary: Marcia Brandenburg Martinson
Fund Agent: Nancy Mortensen Piper

In our 25th Reunion year, **Elizabeth Andrews Watts** and Bobby both work at Episcopal High. Daughter Betsy is a junior in h.s. and son Rob a freshman at UVA. **Barbara Ashton Nicol** and Robert have two sons graduating from h.s. Barb visited with several '74 classmates at Pawley's Island. **Betsy Banks Daley** and John live in Berkeley, CA. She teaches creative dance for children at a private school and had recently gone back to school to study violin. **Sally Brice O' Hara** was promoted to the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ. She completed a year as a fellow in MIT's Seminar XXI, where studies focused in Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest. **Mary Lee Birch Weil** teaches in the Columbus, OH school system. She also teaches English to Russian and Korean students. **Mary Bush Norwood's** OneCall is now on the web at www.OneCall-Web.com. OneCall helps with those repetitive calls we all have to make for organizations. **Bonnie Chronowski Brophy** and five other women started a Catholic Women's Bible study that has over 80 women registered. Son Chris is a junior at UVA., daughter Megs made the US Field Hockey's Futures Program in preparation for the Olympics. **Laura Epstein** is busy with fundraising for Condell Medical Center and Lake Forest Symphony, and with her new dog Kelsey, a Dandy Dinmont Terrier. **Susan Fitzgerald** and daughters, Katharine and Elizabeth, live in Atlanta, where Susan is Associate Director of Planned Giving at Georgia Tech. **Alexandria Francis** and Ashleigh spent a week in Yosemite hiking and en-

joying the beauty of nature. They are also taking riding lessons. They have a great time learning together and hurting in the same places! **Nancy Hardt** is Assoc. Professor of Pathology, lab medicine and OBGYN at U.F.L. She was promoted to Asst. Dean for Clinical Affairs, one of the first women to have a major role in medical school finance. **Mimi Hecker Dyer** moved to Atlanta to assume a management position in health care consulting. She has twin daughters who are juniors at Univ. FL, and a son who will graduate from h.s. in 2000. **Mimi Hill Wilk** and Greg hosted Rip and **Louise Weston Rainey** in Scottsdale. They made plans for our 25th reunion. **Paula Hollingsworth Thomas** and family moved to Columbia, TN. Husband Steve is attending Vanderbilt Divinity School. Paula is a Project Coordinator for Saturn. **Jane Hutcherson Frierson** spent Thanksgiving with **Elizabeth Andrews Watts** and family at **Emory Furniss Maxwell's** house. **Edie McRee Whiteman** and sons were also there. Jane is treasurer of the Washington Alumnae Club.

Sarah Johnston Knoblauch teaches art for Rufing Montessori School. She and daughter Kelly traveled in England with Kelly's soccer team last summer. **Mary Killoran Caswell** is still with 3M Corp at headquarters in MN. She and husband Dick get away from the harsh winters by visiting Mary's mom in Costa Rica. **Penny Lagakos Turak** and son Gregory live in Chadds Ford, PA. Penny is looking forward to seeing friends at Reunion. **Alethea Lee's** new home in Peekskill, NY has a spectacular view of the Hudson River. Her roof deck is a great place to paint and garden!

Ann Stuart McKie Kling works for the family's skin/wound care company. The business is ever expanding! Son, Jay, loves basketball and baseball. Daughter, Shelby, in kindergarten, loves art and music. **Edie McRee Whiteman** moved to Richmond where she works as Special Gifts Director for Randolph-Macon College. **Nancy Nunnally Foster** is now working with Phycor, a company that manages physician's practices. **Marsha Phillips Smith** stays busy with PTA committees and playing in an English handbell choir at church. Daughter, Emily, 8th grade, balances piano lessons with baseball and soccer.

Tinka Pritchett and family moved in the middle of NH winter. Sons Gahe and Christian are enjoying ice hockey, snowboarding, and skiing. Husband Bruce's architecture firm is the largest in the state. Tinka is weaving, gardening, and organizing craft shows around Strawberry Banke. **Checka Robbin Delle** has taught in the Brooklyn schools for five years. Husband Paul runs a limo business and is starting up a private law practice. **Cindy Sutherland Sorenson** took a barge trip in France last summer. Daughter, Claire, is a soph. at Princeton, and son Peter is a senior in h.s. **Jan Renne Steffen** and Jim were married on May 31st. **Nancy Mortensen Piper** and **Phyllis Becker** attended the garden wedding. Jan has been elected city center director for International Interior Design Association. **Lauren Sherlock** is busy surviving the Travel Tourism industry. She trains new employees, represents her company at Travel Law symposiums, and has found time to fit in an African safari. **Sherrie Snead McLeroy** has published another book, *Red River Women*. **Sandra Taylor**

says her most exciting news is laser eye surgery. She now has 20/20 vision without corrective lenses and says the surgery was quick and painless. **Kathryn Telfer** has two children, daughter Courtney (15) and son, Telfer (12). She hopes to join the SBC Alumnae Association on its summer Italian cruise. **Meredith Thompson** is house hunting in TX. She and **Rosie Ray Spell** look forward to seeing everyone at reunion. **Helen Travis** works for Fujitsu, attended a national sales meeting in Las Vegas. She rode her bike 90 miles along the NJ shore to raise money for the American Lung Association. **Chris Weiss Pfeil** is adjusting to life as a single parent after losing her husband of 16 years to cancer. She works part time in the Education Division of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. **Lou Weston Rainey**, husband Rip, and their children **Weston**, **Clarke** and **Caroline** live in Anderson, SC. **Angela "BB" Wheelock Dahl** married Tv Dahl in August. They took a family honeymoon to Bermuda. BB works for a communications design firm in San Francisco, so they share time between coasts. **Suzanne Williams** is a lobbyist in Raleigh for the NC Community College System. **Ruth Willingham Lentz** says all is well in Memphis. Son David graduates from h.s. in June. They are planning a trip to London to celebrate. Ruth can be reached by e-mail at rvlentz@bellsouth.net for all you computer types! **Mary Witt Will** and Fritz vacationed on Kiawah Island and Myrtle Beach. Mary was the course director for her annual Pediatrics Conference. **Marcia Brandenburg Martinson** says work, family, travel, serving on the Board of Trustees at my h.s. alma mater (and our boys' h.s.), and as Secretary for the Class of '74 keep me out of trouble most of the time! Hope to see y'all at Reunion!

1977

President: Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn
Secretary: Sally Bonham Mohle
Fund Agents: Janet Myers Deans, Peggy Haley Sheehan

Once again, we're tight on space. Often it seems the person whose info I end up editing out is your husbands'! Please tell them I'm sorry but your news has to come first.

Barb Bernick Peyronnet stays busy with Maggie (9), Annie (4) and Myers-Briggs seminars. The girls are into Brownies, church choir, piano, dance and gymnastics. **Laura Burrell Garden** moved from the SF Bay area to Denver, CO this year so she stays home with Sarah (2) and Lloyd (7). She's enjoying skiing again. **Elvira Cash Pecora** and family vacationed in England and France this summer. She tutors in French and spends time getting her sons to sports practices. **Ann Crossingham Cannon** is busy with Medical Center Foundation Board, clubs, kids Leslie (18) and Will (16). **Debbie Epperson Sizer** is engaged to John Stringer, a banker. She has three children, Brian (21), Steven (17) and Virginia (14) and runs two radio stations in Galax, VA. **Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan** went back to work after 14 years as a stay-at-home mom. She is director of admissions for the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart at Bryn Mawr. **Missy Flanigan Clark** says Lauren (16) was diagnosed with Stage IV Hodgkin's disease

8/97 and that **Barb Clark McLaughlin's** son Ryan (12) was diagnosed with ALL Leukemia 7/98. Lauren is in remission but Ryan is still in treatment and needs our prayers. **Cathy Goodhart Henson** is doing great in Atlanta with 3 girls and Carlton. The oldest, Catherine, is off to W&L as a freshman! Cathy has seen **Helen Milner**, **Louise Aiken**, **Jane Lauderdale** and hopes to see **Glenn King Springer** on the way to W&L. **Mary Greaves Hodge** finished her remodeling job and loves the results. The kids are happy at school. Mary is retiring as president of their SBC club. **Peggy Haley Sheehan** says the skiing in Denver is still great. She was sad to attend her aunt's funeral in Richmond—Peggy had been visiting her regularly since SBC. **Dee Hubble** opened an educational services division for a publications firm in Baltimore. She works side by side with **Nina Baker**. **Nina's** daughter, **Dee's** goddaughter, **Natalie** (8) was in her first horse show 2/99 and won Reserve Champion. **Lucy Kimbrough** is involved with autism and mental health/mental illness groups. She has lots of pets and support pet therapy and assistance animals. **Glenn King Springer** and family have adjusted well to Charlotte NC. She has seen **Kathy Jackson Howe** and **Ellen Sellers McDowell**. **Ebet Little Stevens** works as a headhunter from home 25 hours per week and looks after Bob and the kids the rest of the time. **Ebet** is still singing with **Debbie McCarthy** and is also taking a ballet class! **Debbie Koss McCarthy** says Courtney is a Morehead Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill and Alex is a freshman in h.s. **Debbie** is retiring from teaching and plans to take classes in Duke Divinity School. **Phooi-Ching Lai** writes from Singapore that she is an Assoc Prof. Her older daughter moved to secondary school; both daughters are struggling with Chinese, which is compulsory until grade 12. **Stephanie Maxson Kenyon's** husband had a bout with cancer in summer 1997, but he is well now. They are looking forward to a family cruise to the Caribbean. **Becky Mayer Gutierrez** is teaching 5th grade in Turners Falls, MA. Her three boys are eating and playing sports non-stop. **Ellen Sellers McDowell** and family were busy selling Girl Scout cookies when she wrote and were planning a trip to see her sister in Richmond this Spring and to AL this summer. **Beth Wade** says daughter **Ellie** (2) is adorable; she and hubby John love their jobs, their beach house and house in Rockville, MD. **Beth** is working as an IBM sales rep. **Tricia Waters** and hubby John Neer took a trip to Italy in 1998, reliving her SBC sojourns there. **Tricia** sings with the Alexandria VA Choral Society. **Carolyn Williams Seeling** and **Stephen** have moved to the Philadelphia area. **Justin** (12) and **Sarah** (6) are adjusting to their new surroundings. **Patti Wornom Henry** and family moved to San Antonio, TX, where she is working at the Defense Language Inst. and David plans to leave the Army this summer. And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, have had a tough year with my stepmother getting lung cancer and ending up in a nursing home, unable to walk, and my father having to be moved to a retirement home. Pete has been an absolute God-send in getting me through all this.

1980

Co-presidents: Lillian Sinks Sweeney, Janet Hughes Wiles
Secretary: Katherine Taylor Erickson
Fund Agents: Melissa (Missy) Gentry Witherow, Fran McClung Ferguson, Toni Santangelo Archibald, Catherine Flaherty

Missy Witherow just moved to Memphis and loves it! Her girls are 5 and 3—how time flies! They are going to Disney World this spring. If anyone passes through please call her. **Myth Monnich Bayoud** had a visit from **Lillian** and **John Sweeney** 12/98. They see **Melanie Brown Steglich** ('78) and **Lee and Brianna Boswell Brown** and **Randy** in Dallas with club activities. She stays in touch with **Leslie Ludwick Biers** and **Janet Hughes Wiles**. **Neiman Marcus** keeps her busy as well as SBC Alumnae Board and Board of Directors. **Carolyn Hallahan Salomon** is enjoying married life with husband Robert. They finally finished 3 years of restoring a 1921 house. New address: 4751 Mussetter Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754. They are expecting their first baby boy in April. She is still doing systems program networking. **Nancy Bade Fuller** saw **Francie Root** and **Ann Yaeger** in NYC 2/98, and hopes to see them 2/99. **Caroline** (16), **Elizabeth** (13) and **Craig** (6) keep her busy. **Betsy Thomas Rook** is in Glendale CA with **Roger** and **Wiley** (5) and **Kirby** (14 months). She takes a break from motherhood to audition for acting roles. She'd like to finish her writing project started in early 1997. **Emily Quinn McDermott** is busy and happy with **Elizabeth** (4) and **Faith** (1). To get away from the changing table, she runs a children's clothing business out of her home and stays involved with fundraising and hospital work for the Jr. League. **Trish Longest Tyler** and her husband bought their home at a foreclosure auction and spent 2 months replacing roof and windows, cleaning and painting and generally working themselves to death. They spent 2 weeks at Ocracoke, NC in between hurricanes. She keeps in touch with **Carolyn Birbeck Thomason** in Wilmington, NC. **Pam Koehler Elmets** moved to a new home with more space and a great backyard. **Lauren** and **Andrew** (9) and **Caroline** (3) are happy and healthy! **Anne Secor** is still in NYC, art directing at J. Crew and singing in a rock band. Six gigs so far and more on the way! She has applied to become a big sister to an 11-year-old and after that may join the Peace Corps. She still lives in her Tribeca loft with **Marley** and **Farnsworth**, her 2 cats. **Laurie Newman Tuchel** moved from Indianapolis to Princeton, NJ. (Their sixth move in 13 years). Very happy to be back on the East Coast. They celebrated her 40th birthday with a family trip to Provence and Italy. Her oldest son, **Andrew** (10) completed a week at Space Camp receiving his wings on New Year's Day! **James** (7) was kept busy at Disney World! **Charles** has a new position as CEO of a specialty chemical company with worldwide headquarters near Princeton. They managed to see **Lisa Greenburg** and family last May and **Jeannine Harris** is only an hour away. **Carolyn Birbeck Thomas** is doing well in Wilmington, NC. They all traveled a lot last year. She has cut back on her hours so she can pick Paul up from kindergarten. She is back at work as the office

manager and loves it! **Jeannine Davis Harris** still works in real estate in Mendham, NJ. Please call for NJ real estate information. She saw **Barbara and Fanny** in NYC! Celebrated Jill's painting preview at the NYC Junior League. Looking forward to a wild SBC reunion with friends in the spring. Leigh (7), Reid (5) and Brad (1) keep growing! **Ann Connolly Reagan** made a quick trip to Mallorca in April and attended a birthday lunch where Jenny McCarthy (MTV star) and Norman Lear were also guests! She still works at The Dragon's Nest Toy Store part time and cares for Hannah (10) full time. She is on a tennis team in Newburyport and skied last winter. Her tennis partner is president of the YWCA board, so guess where Ann has been! It is only a 2-hour period once a month where she is absolutely silent! **Cynthia Stover Motyka** is still in Sudbury, MA, trying to balance a hectic life with her 3-year-old twins Adam and Amanda, while selling real estate! She stays in touch with fellow SBCers **Ann Sergeant, Ann Connolly Reagan, Lisa Ward Connors** and **Brooke Hardin Randall**. **Hollis Hutchins Volk** is busy in Phoenix with Emma (8) and Chambers (5)! She volunteers at their school a lot! Chris is the Chief Operating Officer of FCCA. They had a great year: Aspen in July, Bermuda in Oct. and for Thanksgiving a week in VA at the Homestead. They visited SBC and W&L; about 15 years since she has been to either place. They plan to do more improvements to their home this year. **Amy Campbell Lamphere** says things are grooving in NE (finally that football team lost and we began thinking of new things!) She spends her days working with artists, chauffeuring Jake (9) to soccer and Sarah (5) to the chess club! The kids are getting to be great skiers, too (whew, I can keep them now...) **Amy** is going to CO with **Catherine Flaherty** and some MPLS friends in Feb. She loves e-mailing **Mimi Doe** and **Lillian Sweeney** and **Claire Dennison Griffith**. Her husband Jim is now CEO of a local Title Insurance Company. **True Dow Datilio** has been married 16 years now. She has a 4-year-old and 1-year-old grandchild! Well, they are her husband's but she has a 6 and 8-year-old of her own so that makes a true family of the 90's. True wants to know when we are going to have party? Like a cruise or beach weekend with everyone of us 40-year-old gals? E-mail me at ROBERTS6YM@.COM with some ideas!

Janet Hughes Wiles and 5 children are doing well, 3 in school and 2 at home! They took 2 trips to Paris and had dinner with her Jr Year Abroad mom! They will take her boys to Vail for the World Ski Championships, then plan to meet **Myth Monnich Bayoud** in Vail for July 4th. **Shannon Thompson Eadon** has been busy, but the highlight was **Susan Posey's** surprise 40th birthday at the Rainbow Room and spending the weekend with **Susan, Francie Root, Muffit Sweeney** and **Eithne Broderick Carlin**. **Eithne** is still in Cape Cod. Her children are growing fast and furious. Candace (8) is quite a horsewoman—she sees a horse in her future! John will be 7 and is quite the sportsman either on the ice, the soccer field, the baseball field or the beach! Only additions have been a kitten and a Weimaraner puppy.

Leslie Ludwick Bires moved from Washington, DC to San Francisco 4 years

ago. She keeps close to SBC alums and some really clever current students. You are never too far away she has found! Most exciting news of 1998 is that she found the man of her dreams in SF and was married one year ago on Valentine's Day! Tom Bires is from the east too. He is a passionate golfer when he is not writing software as a consultant. **Leslie** is enjoying her third year at Bank of America as Vice President for Marketing (corporate side). It is a great switch from the political/lobbying world of DC. **Julia Grosvenor Sanford** is still in Lookout Mountain, GA with husband Keith and children Charles (12), Phillip (9), Julia (7) and Elizabeth (5). Keith works at First Tennessee Bank in Chattanooga as an EVP and Julia enjoys working as a full time homemaker, and volunteering in school and church. **Georgia Schley Ritchie** is expecting number three in July and still enjoying Tokyo! Possibility of a return to live in Atlanta this summer after 12 years abroad! **Vivien Olsen** is doing fine in Topeka, KS. She is due to graduate from law school in 12/99. Then she will relocate. Her sons Caleb (9) and Luke (7) are wonderful! Life is good, but single parenting is always challenging and exhausting! Anyone know the whereabouts of **Mary Sue Hagerty**? Thanks a bunch!

Beth Fletcher Lubin writes that their beach home burned to the ground during Hurricane George! Hill is in the 5th grade and Marvin marked 30 years with Merrill Lynch. **Beth** continues as a soccer mom and loves every minute of it! **Gail Coyne Pierdiluca** married Michael 8/23/97. They moved from Madison, WI to Chicago and renovated a home, a year-long process. They enjoy boating on Lake Michigan. **Gail** saw **Alice Benton Major** ('79), **Frances Biggers Flock** ('79) and **Beth Newbury Phillips**. Went to Chicago SBC summer luncheon at Neiman Marcus and saw **Allison Roberts Greene** '81, club President. Visited SBC for the first time since graduation in fall of 1997 and stayed at the Elston Inn. **Carson Freeman Meinen** is on a fast schedule, she just can't say no to volunteering! Her family went to New Zealand last Feb. for her brother's wedding. **Sandra Rappaccioli Padilla** finds with 5 children in the house, life is never dull! The first four are in school and Felipe (2) stays at home. Sandra has a bookstore and works there in the morning. Max was just named Secretary of Social Services by the President. He is excited about his new job. The opportunity to help kids is great! Hurricane Mitch did lots of damage to her country; they were safe and not affected but the poor people suffered major damage. **Mitch Baruch Jeffery** is back in NYC after living in the boring suburbs of CT for two years. **Charlie** (14) is in 8th grade and **Jane** (4) started nursery school. Jim and Mitch spent Christmas break in FL. Pulling their new apartment together sure beats the advertising world! Let's hear it for retirement!

Lisa Schneider Thornton sent a great picture of **Amy Campbell Lamphere**, **Catherine Flaherty**, **Fannie Zollicoffer** and herself at Catherine's surprise birthday party! They spent a week in Annapolis where they saw **Charlotte Gay Gerhardt** and family. At the end of summer they saw **Nancy Webb** in Fairfield. Tim is now 9 and Brian is 7.

I have been busy teaching a Pre-K class at a local church every day, then

working in the after-school program 3 days a week at my children's school. **Katie** (11) is busy with club soccer and **Brian** (9) loves football, basketball and now we are on the baseball fields! Jon moved law firms and now works for Minkin and Synder in Buckhead and loves it. I see **Nancy Hatch Schwartzmiller** ('79) a lot and talk to **Hollis Hutchins Volk** periodically. Have a great 1999—see you at the Reunion!

1983

President: Miriam Baker Morris
Secretary: Melissa Byrne Partington
Fund Agent: Tracy Gatewood Lyons

Greetings to everyone again and thanks for all of your responses! Robert, Rachel and I will be making a major change this year! Robert is going to seminary in the Boston area and we will be moving up there to live for the next three or four years. **Mason Bennett Rummel's** children are 11, 9 and 7. Rick started his own company in neurosurgical sales and she was promoted to Executive Director of the Brown Foundation. **Mimi Kitchel Decamp** has been in the real estate business 12 years. She and Bill have two boys. They enjoy all types of sports with their boys and are looking forward to their new NFL team in Nashville! **Virginia Claus Buyck** had her third child, a daughter in Nov. They moved to a new house and spent all of 1998 renovating. **Libby Glenn Fisher** continues to work part time as the General Manager for a tax and accounting firm. **Charlie** is still with P&G, and his frequent flyer miles keep their family vacations going. **Libby** is also the Finance Chairperson and on the Vestry at her church. **Michelle McSwain Williams** had a daughter in Aug.! She and David along with her brothers are thrilled with their future "Sweet Briar Girl". **Betsy Birkhead Glick** is now a full time mom and loving it! She has two boys, Christopher and Kevin. She had a reunion over 4th of July with **Julia Bass Randall**, **Amy Seddon Leger** and **Lizanne Schumacher Quinn** in Hingham, MA. **Wylie Jameson Small** was named again to the 1998-1999 *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. She is doing freelance web design and maintaining her own web magazine. **Patee White Ramsey's** children are now 7, 5 and 3 years old. She is busy with schools, church and extracurricular activities for the children. **Grayson Harris Lane** now has 2 children: Campbell, and Robert. She is very busy with them, her dissertation which she plans to complete by 12/99, and volunteer work for the Jr. League and the new Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University. **Julia Bass Randall** is back into horseback riding, which she shares with her 7-year-old daughter. She does volunteer tutoring for pregnant/parenting teenagers with the Jr. League of Boston. **Miriam Baker Morris** is still Co-Director of Christian Education at her church in Birmingham. She plans a get-together with **Elizabeth Cahill Sharman** '84, **Virginia Claus Buyck** and **Mary Pope Hutson** in Atlanta. **Elena Quevedo Chivas** has a very full life in NYC! She is a mother of two, teaching art history part time at the NY School of Interior Design as well as visiting professor at Rutgers University. **Leslie Malone Berger** will finish her Masters in Communicative Disor-

der (Speech Pathology) 12/99. Her sons are both enjoying school and playing soccer. Her daughter likes to go to the games and cheer for "her guys". **Pam Dickens Sellars** retired from the Senate last Jan. and is now at home full time. **Melissa Pruyn Vaughan** was promoted last Aug. to Chief Operating Officer of Flapdoodles. Their family moved to a new home in Greenville, DE. She is looking forward to visiting **Danielle DePaul Morgenthaler** and her new baby this spring in St. Louis. **Amy Boyce Osaki** and husband John continue to run their company Walking Softly Adventures leading trips throughout the world. **Blair Clark Smith** writes that ALL of the Smiths are in school including Blair who is in graduate school—homework is plentiful and time is not. **Catherine Campbell** is busy teaching by day and working as a manager at a pharmacy by night! **Kim Howell Franklin** is still at the National Fisheries Institute. She traveled to Turkey with her husband in July. Daughter Isabelle is 3. She attended **Ellen Howard's** wedding in AL and saw **Danielle DePaul Morgenthaler**, **Melissa Pruyn Vaughan**, **Wynn Henderson**, **Tracy Gatewood Lyons**, **Janet Lewis** and **Joan McGettigan**. **Wendy Chapin Albert** and her husband started a new business in addition to their current jobs. **Wendy** is a realtor and her husband, **Tolly** is a stockbroker. **Ellen Chaney Webster** was married to Christopher last May. **Mary Ware Gibson** and **Kathy Barrett** were at the wedding. **Alice Cutting Laimbeer** is busy with family and work. **Suzy Ireland Dupree** is busy being a mom to Emily, 7, Elizabeth, 5 and Leighton, 2, and getting her new house in order. **Sara Sutton Brophy** is a grant and magazine writer and historic preservation professional working from home. **Gigi Harsh Mossburg** is busy with her two sons Tyler and Garrett. She saw **Barbara Pratt Zerega** recently to celebrate her birthday. **Amy Lisner Kaiser** had a son last Nov. **Rhoda Harris Irwin** and **Deborah Price Bowman** were at her shower. **Martha Riggs Lowrey** has been focused on assisting her husband who is in need of a liver/kidney transplant. She is still in interior design and volunteering with the Jr. League. After 11 years in the Washington, DC area, **Elizabeth Taylor Seifert** and family have moved to NC. **Elizabeth** is working for Glaxo and Mark is starting a consulting practice. **Carolyn Hall Ringhoffer** has two daughters and is still in private OB/GYN practice in Mobile, AL. **Ellen Clare Gillespie Dryer's** children are 6, 5 and 2 and she is busy with their school and volunteer work. **Sarah Edmunds Butters** is busy with her son Eli and continues to swim. **Kathy Barrett** is recovering from a fall off a horse. She works part-time as a bridal consultant and part-time on her farm. **Melissa Cope Morrisette** is busy with her 3 children and her career as a pharmaceutical sales manager. **Adriana Garza Read** is expecting a baby boy in June. **Suzy Balog Ingram** had a daughter in Sept., **Caroline**, joining sister Emma, now 2. Husband Steve was promoted to partner at Arthur Andersen, LLP. The Ingrams moved to a bigger house, still in Andover, MA. **Alicia Nygaard McNutt** was married 3/97. She and her husband, Dr. Nace Anthony Formagas, Jr., are busy raising their children, working in their dental practice and establishing prayer evangelism across their city in TX. **Nancy Cunningham Mauck** is still in Richmond

and painting portraits. Besides painting the children of classmates **Anne Little Woolley**, **Gretchen Wulster Millar**, **Lizzie Pierpoint Kerrison** and **Kaky Connors Cassada '86**, she recently finished her first corporate commission. **Suzanne Turner Brennan** loved reunion and can't wait until the next one! I can't wait either! I hope to see you all there.

1986

President: Jennifer Crossland
Secretary: Mary Jo Biscardi Brown
Fund Agents: Beth Ann Trapold Newton, Carol Anne Dickson

Susan Finn Adams, Michael, Elizabeth (4 1/2), and Benjamin (19 mos.) welcomed John Thomas, born 1/21/99. **Leigh Ringler Bennett** works for Computer Sciences Corporation, and has started riding competitively again. **Beth Spielvogel Bobango** married 2/99-lives in FL. **Rushton Haskell Callaghan** ran the Twin Cities Marathon 10/98 and finished in the top 50 women overall! She is the Exec. Director, Mark Brunell Foundation and Fan Club. **Lynn Mather Charette** enjoys life in CT with boys, Ben (4) and Tucker (2) and does volunteer financial work. Had '98 reunion with **Elizabeth Gallagher**, **Beth Ann Trapold Newton**, **Allison Akeson Bond**, **Stephanie Hamilton**, **Beth Doyle Teare** and **Ava Spanier**. **Susan Swagler Cowles**, Robby, Elli (6), Jake (3) are in Tuscaloosa and planning to build a house. Is active in Jr. League and contemplating working again at Univ. of AL. **Jenny Crossland** bought a house in Richmond. She sees SBC buddies **Denton Freeman Kump** ('88) and **Anne Robling Percival** ('88), and recently saw **Allison Kohlep Adkins**. **Terry Cerrina Davis** and husband, Terry, are living in Park Ridge, NJ and are busy working, redecorating, gardening, etc. Would love hearing from anyone in NY area. **Linda DeVogt** was elected Third Vice President of the Alumnae Board, is the editor of the Richmond Junior League Newsletter, and serves as an elder in her church. She sees **Jen Crossland**, **Ann Percival** ('88), and **Denton Kump** ('88). **Carol Ann Dickson** recently curated an exhibition for the Smithsonian on Post Office murals from the 1930s and 1940s. Is now full-time mom to daughter, Madeleine Grace, born 7/9/98. **Alyson Carey Goods** is riding and instructing again after 10 years! Has two children, Jack (3) and Avery (1). **Missy Duggins Green** and Ken welcomed Miles Hereford Green, on 7/20/98. **Debby Klepac-Gaskill** married 8 years to Greer, has a daughter, Lillian (5) and a son, William (1). Debby is teaching math in Margate, NJ. Keeps up with **Vicki Wolf Rosenfeld**. **Patty Glick** manages the Climate Change & Wildlife Program for the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, D.C. Married to Dan Kress for 6 years; they have two dogs and a horse. **Stephanie Hamilton Gregory** is partner with husband, Devin, in a building/development business and kitchen cabinetry company. She works from home and spends time with Emma Jane (2). **Michelle Miller Haddad** resigned from teaching to stay home with Isabella, born 5/98. Isabella joins Ariana (8) and Susannah (6). Would love to hear from SBCers who lived in the Language House in '86. **Elizabeth Sheehan Hamrick** is in Savannah, GA, has 2 children

Shaw (6) and Elizabeth Cullen ("Lizzie"), born 11/97 - and works part-time at Managed Comp. Saw **Ashley Simmons Bright** and **Mimi Holland Dinsmore**, summer '98. **Eve Hill** moved to Los Angeles, is Executive Director, Western Law Center for Disability Rights, working on cutting-edge civil rights cases, and teaches at Loyola Law School. Is in touch with **Mary Beth Miller** and **Jennifer Green Mitchell**. **Meme Boulware Hobbs** keeps busy with Libby (5) and Whit (3) and enjoys home improvement projects in their new home. Will see **Holly McGovern Barber**, **Ashley Simmons Bright** and **Elizabeth Sheehan Hamrick** in '99. **Dayna Avery Hulme** and Tom welcomed second child, Alexandra Frances, 6/15/98. Dayna is with Columbia/HCA Healthcare practicing medical malpractice defense. After a four-month honeymoon to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and South Africa, **Deanne Dawson James** and David moved from London to Charlotte, NC. Deanne continues working for Amдах. **Susan Smith Karp** lives in Charlotte, NC. She and Andrew have twins, Harrison and Amy, born 4/98 and Eliza, who is in kindergarten. **Catherine L. Kendall** is teaching at the University of Tennessee's School of Architecture and Design in the Interior Design Program and plans to marry Harry Lawrence Quigley 5/22/99. **Shannon "Spunk" Kuehlwein** survived the NH Police Academy and is a police officer in Hanover, NH. Lives in Vermont with her partner, 2 dogs, a cat, and is an active firefighter and EMT. **Julia Andrews Lewis** lives in Raleigh and is a reporter for a local TV station. She sees **Olivia Pettifer (Cary Hardin '86)** often-they live 2 blocks apart! **Elizabeth Lindsay** suffered the loss of her father in 5/98 and is trying to get back on track. She is enjoying editing work for ETS via telecommunication. **Mariah Smith Malik** traveled to Paris and London in '98. She keeps in touch with **McKenzie Reed Van Meel**, **Alyson Carey Goods**, **Catherine Callender Sauls** and **Barbara Smith** ('87). **Lisa Marks** works for Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, NC and is getting her MBA at UNC. Visited **Quinci Stevenson Velie** in England 10/98 and summer '98 enjoyed girls' week, Wrightsville Beach, NC with **Elizabeth Wood Kleppe**, and **Quinci**. **Evie Newell Angevine**, husband, and 2 labs are back in Virginia, where she obtained her real estate license AND started riding again after a 10 year break. Speaks with **Louise Van Patten**, who has just moved to LA. **Karen Gonya Nickles** teaches (11 years now) reading and English to emotionally handicapped and learning disabled students and coaches her son Garrett's soccer team. **Robyn Bailey Orchard** teaches 8th grade English at Indiana Area Junior H.S., serves on the vestry of Christ Church and sings in the choir. **Mary Beth Miller Orson** and Carl are in Scottsdale, AZ, where she is a corporate lawyer with Quarles & Brady. They are expecting their 1st child 2/99. **Beth Conner Pace**, Pat and Allison welcomed Patrick Conner Pace, 1/25/99. Beth does grant writing on a volunteer basis. **Desiree A. Petrus** had her first book, entitled *How to Start a Business in Pennsylvania*, published by Sourcebooks 3/98. She works for the Senate Transportation Committee in PA as their legal counsel. She also graduated from Yale University's Campaign School and enjoys her "second" career - managing political

campaigns. **Olivia Hardin Pettifer** will graduate with a degree in Interior Design from Meredith College in 5/99. She works for Stewart Woodard, a well-known local designer. Married for 3 years. **Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter** enjoys daughter, Brucie (1 1/2), her new home, her real estate career, and teaching Sunday school. **Stephanie Jones Renfro**, Jim, Helen (7), and Gaven (5) love life in Colorado Springs. She sees **Kathy Bryan Sanders** ('87) and her family often. **Nancy Buckley Rothacker** married Jack 5/2/98 and they live in Avon, OH. **Missy Duggins Green** and **Rushton Haskell Callaghan** were bridesmaids; in attendance were **Karen Gonya Nickles**, **Ann Smith**, **Beth Conner Pace** & **Katie Hearn** ('85). Nancy is an investment associate at Paine Webber. **Catherine Callender Sauls** and **Rolfie** welcomed Luke Porter Sauls, 11/23/98. They live in Denver, CO where Catherine nurtures Noah (3 1/2) and Luke while part-timing with DK Books. Spent a weekend in Myrtle Beach with **Suzanne Craft Bailey** and family 8/98. **Catherine McNease Stevens** and **Nelson** moved to Alton, VA 10/97 and live in a circa 1796 farmhouse with their horses, cows, dogs, cat, and peacocks. Cathy works with Nelson's business in South Boston, VA. **Sharon Beard Testa** is completing her second year of the Psy. D Program in Counseling Psychology AND she and Scott are expecting twins 7/99! She sees **Mary Johnson Ryan** and **Cara Heard Ellicott**, who is expecting her 2nd child 4/99. **McKenzie Reed Van Meel** and **Kees** are expecting their 1st child in 5/99. McKenzie started rowing crew in the Amstel River last fall. **Cathy Lowrey Wallace** married last year, lives in Colorado Springs. **Barb Brasted Wait** and **Scott** had their 1st child, Samuel David Wait, 12/29/97 and are expecting their 2nd 6/99. **Valerie Winborne** starred in "Sugar Tit" at Dance Theater Workshop in NYC, 2/08. *New York Times* called her "daring" and "irresistibly funny". **Louanne Woody** completed another successful year ('98) selling real estate on the Outer Banks, NC and is preparing to obtain her broker's license. **Sandy Bernard Wyllie** and **Kevin** have one son, Cameron (18 mos.), and are expecting baby #2 in 4/99. Sandy works at Fannie Mae (11 1/2 yrs. now) as a "Financial Engineer" doing credit risk pricing. She vacationed with **Anne Merriman Duffy** and family on Cape Cod. Anne had 2nd baby, William, 12/13/98. I, **Mary Jo Biscardi Brown**, am living in Copenhagen, Denmark, for 14 months as a result of my husband's job with a Danish company. Having a great time in this beautiful place!

1989

President: Kimberly Kline
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Can you believe we've been out of college 10 years? All of us have been quite busy with new jobs, weddings, children, new homes and lots more! I'm still living in Richmond and have been a Technical Representative for Wako Chemicals USA for a year! I visited with **JoAnn Bogolin** while on a business trip to Atlanta! She has a new job as an actuary at Towers Perrin. Her greyhound, Ms. Danielle, passed away last Easter. In

Sept., I saw **Stacey Hannan Quinn** at Alumnae Council! She is a Principal Technical Writer at Siemens, writing documentation for wireless communications. She and Michael are still renovating their home in Boca Raton. **Kate Robinson** married John Hillestad on 7/3/98. They now live in Richmond. **Ellen Duffie-Fritz** and Keith live in Midlothian, VA with daughters Ananda, Brittany and Charlotte. **Sandy Compton** married Neil Sellman 4/3/98. They bought a townhouse in Laurel, MD. Sandy teaches 1st Grade in Adelphi, MD. **Margaret Frazier** is the Director of Development at the Memphis Botanic Garden. She recently bought a new house! **Amy Sanidas** works part-time at Deloitte Consulting in San Francisco. She has also launched her own information consulting firm, Aesop Information (www.aesopinfo.com). She and Daniel Ames got engaged while vacationing in Thailand. A Sept. wedding is planned. **Sharon Bittner** is a Bibliographic Instruction/Reference Librarian at UNC-Wilmington. **Donna Meyer Hodgert** is still living in Lynchburg and teaching 6th grade at Forest Middle School. She and Jerry are expecting their second child in May. **Leza Griffith** married Cord L. Neal on Halloween, in a costume wedding. They are building their house on 20 acres in Millers, MD. **Beth Donald Owen** and Bill had a baby boy, John Charles, 1/1/99, (What a New Year's?!). They have moved to Morristown, NJ. **Rebecca Hendrix** works in marketing for a London jeweler, Asprey & Garrard in NYC. She sees **Deborah Schmidt** who is VP of Trusts & Estates at Sotheby's. **Sarah Anderson Stanton** and Murray plan to break ground for their new house this Spring. Their son, Gray, is one. **Jill Whittaker Player** and Jake (HSC '91) live in Georgetown, TX. They plan to move to Austin this year. Jill enjoys being at home with son, Josh (10/15/97), and their golden retriever. **Legare Davis** married Hank Vest in '92. She teaches chemistry at Harpeth Hall School, an all-girls college prep school in Nashville, TN. **Wesley Powell Lassen** is a buyer for Parisian. She was in **Christine Hostelley's** wedding 8/98. **Sherri Brockwell Dymon** and Bill moved back to Richmond, 7/96. They have a son, Andrew (7/19/98), and daughter, Jessica (4). She recently visited **Tracy Carter Warren** and her daughter, Caroline (4) and son, Drew (11/15/98). **Deana "Bunny" Catana Lemert** and her husband enjoyed a trip to the Caribbean. It was their first trip away from daughter, Phebe (1). **Bunny Willock** started a new job at Marketing Services Group Inc. She is Vice President, Strategic Business Development. This job continues her work in the Broadway and Art community and she hopes to branch into the movie industry. **Sarah Consolino Murphy** and Bill moved to NJ with Bill's job at Bristol-Myers Squibb. They are enjoying their children Carolyn (4) and Ben (1), plus a chocolate lab, Madison. They are also expecting another baby in Aug.! **Virginia S. Culp** is living in Cape Town, South Africa, working for an international trading company, Irvin & Johnson. She travels to the Far East frequently to develop markets for S. African seafood. (Thanks to her mother, Elizabeth Culp, for sending her news!) **Beth Gottlieb** still lives in Atlanta. She works for Donaldson & Co., Inc., an institutional stock brokerage firm. Angie

Cabell Wolkiewicz and **Bill** are still in Powhatan, VA. She is a first-year law student at T.C. Williams and hopes to graduate by 12/2000. **Susan Chicone Chapin** returned to her hometown, Orlando, FL, two years ago to work in the family citrus and real estate business. She married Roger on 5/2/98. She is in the Executive MBA program at Crummer School at Rollins College. She graduates 4/24/99. **Shelley Brashear Tomlin** enjoys living in Dallas with her husband, Edward, and two children, Haley (3) and Edward-James (1). She is still volunteering at the county hospital in Labor and Delivery. **Helen Bradley Tarbuton** and Charles still live in Sandersville, GA. Their daughter, Mary Helen is one and they're expecting their second child, 7/99. **Kristen Layman Mahoney** and Jack have a new puppy, Buttercup. Kristen left the Justice Dept. in DC, and was appointed Director of Grants for the Baltimore City Police Dept. **Colleen Bradley Bell** still works 3 days a week on *The Bold and the Beautiful*. She has two children, Chasen (4) and Caroline (2). She volunteers for Best Buddies, for people with developmental disabilities. **Karen Greer Goss** has two little boys, Nicholas and Philip Samuel. **Laura Lawson Trevey** and Sam still live in Richmond. They have two little girls, Carole (2) and Catherine (1). **Jill Needham Dunn** is teaching 8th grade. Her son Ryan is two. **Andrea Williams Oakes** still lives in Staunton, VA. She works for the Cincinnati Insurance Company. She has two daughters, Jaclyn (4) and Alexandria (3). **Brooke Haw Spencer** still lives in Charlottesville. She has two daughters. **Tish Markey Hutter** sends greetings from Minneapolis, MN. She enjoys staying home with Harrison (5) and Katherine (3). **Julie Littleton Smith** is expecting baby #3 in Aug. Harrison is now six and Drew is one. She is busy with the move to a bigger house and planning for the new baby. **Melissa Reed Hammond** and Andrew live on Martha's Vineyard with children, Charlotte (3/97) and Malcolm (11/98). Melissa does volunteer work and Andy works for the Coast Guard in Boston. **Krista Biggs** finished her MLS. She got engaged before Christmas to Craig Phillips. She will be starting a job as a librarian and planning a wedding in the Fall. **Michelle Teuscher Walsh** works for IBM. She and Dan celebrated their 5-year anniversary 9/98, with a wonderful trip to Canada. They are expecting their first child 8/99. **Johanna Brown Lopez**, husband, Fernando and children Ariel, Gabrielle and Noelle lived in Ecuador for the last 6 years. They are now living in San Antonio, TX. Johanna is working as an administrator for a European day spa. She would love to hear from old friends, nando@connecti.com. **Ruth Taul Magnusson** and Peter traveled to Italy and France last summer. They have moved to San Francisco. Ruth is still teaching. **Beth Hodgkins Green**, Brad and son, Michael (3) are living in Framingham, MA. Brad is a Systems Administrator and Beth is a stay-home mom. She has however designed and marketed a preschool music program. She is now known as the Music Lady, and visits several schools. **Tracy Worthington Ginn** is expecting a baby boy in June! **Raquel Hickman Thiebes** is still in Stuttgart, Germany. Her husband is now a Company Commander of an Army Special Forces Company. They are expecting their second child, a boy, in

May. **Whitney Bay** still works at Maritz Travel. She just moved into a small house. She enjoys kickboxing and has earned her green belt. She also target shoots. **Abby Carter**, Eric Rudenshield, and son Alexander are still living in Copenhagen, Denmark. They have been able to share their life overseas with friends and family by creating a great web page!

Thanks to JoAnn and Stacey for their work as Reunion Gifts Co-Chairs! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for the Class of '89 and SBC! Keep up the good work! Holla! Holla!

1992

President: Catherine Gornto Freeman
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Julie Brideveser is in Ohio working at the Children's Hospital in ICU and she stays in touch with **Cara Ardemagni LaRoche**. **Kelly Morton Robinson** is pregnant again with a girl, Caroline, due 5/8/99! She and her husband are busy with Andrew (4) and Hannah (2) while also involved with the Cancer Society. **Amy Bingaman** will be married on 9/25/99 to Matthew Sinclair. She also is also running her own outfitting business in Idaho where she offers 1/2 - 12-day river trips and more! **Kelly Arden** lives in NYC and loves her job as the Assistant Coordinator in outpatient neurology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. **Kate Haw** is director of an art gallery in NYC where she meets interesting people and learns about running a business.

Erica Thompson moved to Seattle from Spain last year and is working as Regional Sales Manager for a software company, TCS. **Brett Haltiwanger** will graduate from graduate school 5/99 and hopes to live in CA or CO. **Kelly Brown Estes** is teaching and raising her son, Benjamin (2) and expecting 3/99! **Lori Saraniero Butterfield** and her husband moved into their first home in Charleston. She is enjoying work at a jewelry store. **Harriet Farmer** is living and kayaking in CO and teaching art to h.s. students. **Kory Aldrian** is getting married on 9/5/99 and going to nursing school this spring. **Kimberly McGraw Euston** was promoted to Vice President at JP Morgan and had a fun reunion with **Trienel Ahearn**, **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** and **Tracy Steele** in Chicago. **Charlotte Bonini** is getting used to NYC with many thanks to **Diana Bradford** and **Kate Haw** who have made the transition easier! **Abby O'Steen Reeder** had a baby boy this past year and is busy keeping up with him and her husband in NC. **Amy Ghiz** is a legal secretary for a law firm in Atlanta and sees **Sonia Haddad Salitry** and **Nora Oney**. **Ann Knoke** is living in VA and working at Tyson's Corner. Along with **Ann**, **Toi Reynolds**, **Kristina Glusac** and **Joely Hetherington** were at **Carrie Bake Wong's** wedding on 8/29/98. **Carrie** started a full time MBA program at the Univ. of Michigan. **Margaret Gibson** is with a law firm and will finish her MBA 8/00. She saw **Catherine Gornto Freeman** and met her daughter, Charlotte, born on 8/31/98! **Catherine** and **Margaret** also keep up with **Leise Scheppe Hammer** who is pregnant and

moving to Tampa in June. **Leise** visited with **Elizabeth Roane** in NYC in 9/98. **Carter Story Lloyd** and her husband **Aaron** are proud parents of their first child, Hunter who was born on 12/30/98. **Julianne Hanneken Linza** and her husband had Caroline Virginia born 5/18/98. **Cathy Hindman** is busy teaching dance classes and keeps in touch with **Tricia Pheil Hawbecker**. **Suzie Georgi** is working with Hines as Assistant Property Manager at the GM Global Headquarters in Detroit and keeps in touch with **Diana Bradford**. **Heather Metzler Allen** is working at Crestar Bank in Lynchburg and expecting her second child 2/99. She keeps up with **Kelly Brown Estes**, **Teresa Jones Hyatt** and **Megan Spadaro Proffitt**. **Kathy Hughes** graduated from vet school in 5/99 and will be going to VA Tech for a Ph.D. in aquatic animal medicine. She will marry **Chris** on 9/25/99. **Holly Caswell King** is Director of Development at the Georgia Nature Conservancy. **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and her husband Charles have a new addition to the family, Katharine Hannon (Kate). They are in Annapolis and spent the holidays with **Margaret McClellan Driscoll**, Sean and their new daughter Margaret McRae (McRae). **Margaret** is doing well in Mobile and makes trips back to Atlanta to visit with **Holly Caswell King** and me! **Diana Bradford** is in NYC working for Prescriptives International in the educational and development dept. **Tracy Steele** has taken a new job with a law firm practicing commercial real estate in DC. She lost her brother, John, tragically this summer due to an asthma attack but she has deeply appreciated all the support her SBC friends have shown her during that difficult time. **Anne Vogel Swan** is living in Montpelier, VT and is a baker at a bakery. They are expecting their first child in 6/99. **Elizabeth Conyers** is a firefighter/paramedic in KY, one of 9 women out of 450 firefighters! **Lisa Newman** has enjoyed seeing all the SBC'ers in NYC and loved visiting with **Stephanie Edens** in CO. **Meg Moss** and Stan started their own business doing graphic design, web development and communication projects for companies. **Fle Carmouche Hill** moved to FL, and got a great job as a technology coordinator at Jupiter H.S. Their daughter Madison is two! **Dabney Ledyard Hopkirk** is working as a business systems planning consultant at First American National Bank and is expecting their second baby in 5/99. She saw **Elaine Barksdale Finucane** at a recent SBC gathering. **Sarah Sorelle** works for Dolby Surround Sound in CA and loves it! **Christine Davidson Allen** and her son Mitchell are busy in GA. **Trienel Ahearn** is graduating from U. of CO with a masters in Urban & Regional Planning. She will be married on 9/11/99 to James Hickman, then moving to England! **Carolyn Griffin** is the Associate Director of annual giving at Dickinson College in PA. **Amy Peck** is working in DC as a personnel consultant. She visits with **Jamie DelMonte Galbreath**, **Jackie Bates** and **Jackie Geets** often. **Muffin Crouch Camp** and **Morris** live in Atlanta and **Muffin** had Millie Camp on 2/1/99 who will play with Tripp (2) soon! As for Clay and me, we are still in Atlanta and having a great time! I took a job as the Director of Admissions at Landmark Christian School and I love what I do! It is so great to hear from you all! (I am sorry that I had to

make your news short, but there was limited space.) Happy summer!

1995

President: Holly Prothro Philbin
Secretary: Katherine June Maxwell
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First and foremost, Mark your calendars for May 12-14, 2000 for our reunion. Start pinching those pennies, checking out airfares, and organizing your SBC photos for a fun-filled weekend of seeing old friends, walking the dairy, swimming in the lake, hanging out in Prothro, and checking out all the latest enhancements to our dear ol' SBC. **Beverley Stone** loves teaching 8th grade English in Henrico County, VA. She moved in to her parents until she finds a place of her own. She keeps in touch with **Bergen Hall** and **Gwen Hickey-Babcock**. **Gwen** and **Devin** live in PA where **Gwen** works with her father at United Sales Co where they've had a record year. She was nominated for Who's Who in Interior Design. **Devin** transferred back to Air Products and Chemicals. They traveled to Key West for their anniversary. **Bergen Hall** moved from Richmond to Boston where she lives with two roommates and works for Brown Brothers Harriman (a private bank) in the Global Custody dept. She is happy to be closer to her family. **Bergen** went to **Wendy Long Holland's** wedding in Nantucket the summer of 1998. **Karen Giorgetti** earned her Master's in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue U. She is pursuing her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology at Purdue and is an adjunct faculty member at Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette, IN where she teaches algebra and child development. **Sheila Miller** lives in Stafford, VA and is engaged to Taylor Lane. They are hoping for a 6/2000 wedding at Sweet Briar. **Eleanor Dickinson** works for Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods Advertising Agency in Little Rock, AR and loves it. She plans to move to Atlanta in the fall where she will attend a commercial art school, The Portfolio Center. **Margaret Bruha** joined Abbott Laboratories as a Contract Marketing Specialist for the Hospital Products Division (HPD) in Lake Bluff, IL. Margaret encountered a historical snowfall while touring China and pursues water-skiing and kayaking in Lake Michigan. **English Griffith** is a Service Manager for Merrill Lynch in Columbia, SC. She's working through the challenges of home maintenance on her house of 1 1/2 years. **Cee Cee Valentine** attends South Texas College law school in Houston and is in **Serena Putegnat** '98 law school section. Cee Cee plans to attend **Julie Fivecoate's** wedding to Mark in 7/99. **Julie** and **Mark** plan to stay in Minneapolis where Julie accepted a position with Maritz Research. **Susan Wooldridge Yeatts**, her husband and daughter live in Columbia, SC. Susan is expecting her second baby in 4/99. Susan keeps in touch with **Genie Stark** who is in law school at UVa and planning to go into tax or health law. **Amanda-Bliss Knost Thomas** and her husband Yarko live in Raleigh, NC and she is a Bulk Foods Buyer for Whole Foods Market. She put her artwork on hold to open a coffeehouse with her husband. **Heather Theis Hernandez** married

Saul in 6/19/98 in Laguna Beach, CA. They bought a condo in 1/99, but Saul works in VA and Heather in CA. She says it's "the price they're forced to pay being motivated 'devil dogs'." Both are in the Marines. **Keena Seagle** is an instructor at James Madison U., VA and is engaged to marry Craig Thomas 8/7/99. **Tricia Lynn** will earn her teaching certificate in 12/99. She works for a nonprofit company during the summer and loves it. **Kelly "Pepper" Coggs** is in her fourth year of grad. school at UVA. She's become an avid runner, gearing up for the Marine Corps Marathon in Oct.

Stephanie Pearson Davis and Rob had a baby in 4/99. They've been living in NY but are moving when Rob leaves the Army in 6/99. **Lucile Page** will graduate from Emory nursing school and work in an intensive care unit. She is marrying Roy (Bud) E. Martin on 5/15/99 in Columbus, GA. Anna Reilly and Cathy Cummings will be bridesmaids. **Anna Reilly** is in her fourth year working for Sen. John Warner of VA. She lives in Arlington and enjoys seeing local friends. **Cathy Cummings** is a special events coordinator for Streetball International in San Francisco. She heads up their newest program called Yard Ball. Cathy saw **Betsy Titcomb** who works for Lawrenceville Alum Office, where Betsy went to boarding school. **Sarah Young** lives outside DC and was promoted to VP of Human Resources at a software development co. She has traveled to Sweden and the Cayman Islands for fun and to Canada on business. **Kathryn Czarkowski** completed her M.S. in psychology and works in women's research clinic in the Yale U. School of Medicine Dept. of Psychiatry. She plans to apply to Ph.D. programs in Clinical Psychology. She lives happily with her boyfriend and their 3 cats. **Megan Maltby** lives with her sister in Richmond where she is earning her MSW. **Jennifer Wissman Rosenkranz** and her husband David moved from Nashville to Reno, NV where they will start a construction company. They are only one hour from Lake Tahoe. **Kelly Hall** is still teaching literature at Wesleyan College. She spent last summer in England with her boyfriend and toured Asia with her family. **Kate Warner** moved to Chattanooga, TN where she "traded her tie-dyes and sunflowers for a zookeeper's uniform." Kate is an asst. to the education curator and loves working with the big cats! **Kathy Whitby** is in Richmond working at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond-Public Relations. She sees SBC friends at weddings. They will all see each other soon again at **Eileen Yates's** wedding to Brian in CA 8/99. Eileen will finish her masters in Genetic Counseling at UC Irvine and take the National Boards 6/99. Brian is a 1st Lt. in division Reconnaissance at Pendleton, CA. **Meredith Williams** graduated from law school, passed the TX bar, and practices healthcare transaction and corporate fields in Dallas, TX. **Carson Scheppe** lives in Atlanta working for Atlanta Gift Mart and sees a lot of SBCers. **Jessica John** is an Asst. Concierge at the exclusive Windsor Club in Vero Beach, FL. She enjoys being near her family - especially her little niece and nephew. **Maren Howard Leggett** married Peter in 5/98 in Lynchburg. She and Peter reside in Lynchburg, where Maren will get a teaching certificate 5/99. **Liz Dunck Hayes** and Paul live in their house in

Charlotte, NC and say they see a lot of Home Depot. They've had so many guests that their home is called the "Hayes Hotel." She says "thank you for all the prayers for her Mom; they're working but keep praying!" Liz will be a bridesmaid for **Catherine Orr** in 8/99 when she marries Stephen Walters (brother of Tracy Walters '96) in MI. They will remain in Vienna, VA where Stephen grew up and is now a consultant for Freddie Mac. They went to **Stephanie Arnold Toohey's** wedding to John in 9/98 in TX. Bridesmaids were Catherine Orr, Kara Dickey, and Elizabeth Dunck Hayes. Stephanie and John now live in Alexandria, VA but plan to move back to TX. **Kara Dickey** still works for the National Gallery Special Events Dept. in Washington, DC and visits her boyfriend James who is getting his MBC at Union College in NY. **Sarah Butcher** works and lives in MD and is busy with the Kiwanis club where she is chapter president. She says they have the youngest Kiwanis club in the world. Sarah keeps in touch with **Tory McClintock Wade**. Tory, Rob and Benjamin live in Farmville, VA. Rob works in the community clinic in Charlotte County Hospital. Benjamin is 2 and going to preschool. Tory is active in the Jr. Woman's League. Tory was matron of honor for **Janae Thomas Miles** wedding to Matt (H-SC '94) in 9/98. Tory also reports that **Stephanie Scott Valente** married and lives in FL. **Amy Woods** and Peter live in Dupont Circle, Washington, DC. Amy works at Interaction and spends a lot of time biking. **Courtney Huffman Whetstone** (UVA '94) and her husband Todd have a daughter, Mary Rachael, 1. They live in Chesapeake, VA where Courtney teaches first grade, and Todd is an accountant. **Sarah Scales** lives and teaches kindergarten in San Francisco. She keeps in touch with **Wendy Long Holland** and **Eileen Yates**. **Sybil Walker Mercer** and her husband Matthew live in Orlando, FL. Matthew is an artist for Disney World. Ashley is 10, and they have a new baby girl Noelani. **Shana-Tara Regon** teaches freshmen English at Univ. of New Orleans. She's finishing her first novel and will graduate 5/99 with her MFA in creative writing. She plans to move to Boston with her fiancée Joseph and pursue a career in publishing. **Heather Roll Swanson** teaches freshmen English and ESL at Florida International Univ. in Miami, FL. She and her boyfriend Eric spend free time fishing and boating in the FL Keys. **Amy Hunter** and Jeff will be in HI until 12/99. They enjoy riding their horse Scout through pineapple fields. **Cari Miller James** teaches 3rd grade at Washington Episcopal School outside Washington, DC and takes classes at Johns Hopkins Univ. for the Masters in Special Ed. Doug is an architect. **Mary Gordon Gill** spent two weeks in HI over Christmas and saw Jerry Seinfeld. She's already planning a summer trip to the Grand Canyon. She says teaching is "going great." **Jane Rabadi** is taking science courses at Metro in Denver to prepare for a pre-Veterinary program. She spent 2 weeks in Vienna, Austria and says she's still making beautiful art. **Nancy Weigle** is in her final year of med. school at George Washington Univ. and is applying for residency programs in Family Medicine. **Kimberly Roda Moorhead** married Tim (W&L '94) 10/98. She was promoted to Director of Advertising for

Form Magazine in Alexandria, VA and they reside in Arlington. **Katherine Harrington Welder** was a bridesmaid for Kimberly and now lives in TX. She is expecting a baby in spring 99. **Molly Becherer Hasty** is a 3rd year med student at Univ. of Louisville, KY. She married 1st Lt. Derek Hasty 12/19/98 in Louisville. **Lyssa Vaught** attended the wedding. **Lyssa** moved to Richmond, VA and works in an art gallery. She still paints and hopes to have a show in Richmond. **Laura Swope Townsend** and Scott live in Kitzingen, Germany where Laura is the Asst. Dir. of the Army Day Care and is finishing her masters in Human Relations from the Univ. of OK. They plan to move back to the USA in 12/99. **Jen Parker** is a speech therapist at the Pottsville Hospital and Warne Clinic in Pottsville, PA. She loves working with toddlers as well as stroke patients. Jen saw Cari Miller James and Kelly Hall in WV. **Lee Roman Winn** and family moved to an island in the Puget Sound. Lee is now a certified aerobics instructor. Jason has his wings and is navigator of the EA-6B Prowler, and Travis turned one. After a year in Washington State, their next destination is Cherry Point, NC. **Pilar Collier** was promoted to Manager of the Houston office of Source Legal, a business of Romac International. She is engaged to Doug Heathcote (TX A&M '92). **Daniela Ricci** lives in Washington, DC where she says, "I am living in my underground bat cave, which I built myself. The solitude reminds me of Sweet Briar; only dinner and no fudge pie." **Mary Byrd Schroeder** married John Braun 4/10/99 in Fairfax, VA. They reside in Alexandria, VA. **Kimberly Roda Moorhead**, **Katherine Harrington Welder**, **Katie Maxwell**, and **Sue Frazer Smith** were bridesmaids. **Holly Elkins** is a special events coordinator for the Wolf Trap Art Center and lives in Alexandria, VA. **Lynn Ivy Turner** and Eli live in Washington, DC where Lynn works with interior design. She attended Maren Howard Leggett's wedding. **Trista Newman** lives in Richmond, VA and is busy with her home. **Jennifer Gaudette Nelson**, her husband Doug, and their dogs moved from outside Washington, DC, to Bath, ME. They plan to buy a house soon. **Gretchen Vida** moved to Chicago as a sales rep. selling medical supplies to hospitals for Allegiance Healthcare. She got a lab retriever and is trying to get her boyfriend from Tampa to move up as well. Gretchen says **Leah Anderson Tisdler** and her husband David had a baby boy in 1/99. **Katie McDill** is finishing her MA in English. She's been teaching English to seniors and A.P. juniors at a h.s. in Huntsville, AL and loves it! She and **Lida Anne Elliot** still live together. Lida Anne will be participating in the "Contemplative Psychotherapy Program" at the Naropa Institute in Boulder, CO. She'll be getting her MA.

Jill Goolsby will graduate 12/99 with her MS in Defense and Strategic Studies. She is beginning her thesis, "Military Space Programs and the National Security: Implications of the Commercialization of Space," and will be interning with Lockheed Martin in DC this summer and hopes to see lots of SBC gang there. **Kate Steptoe** is in Morgantown, attending grad school in Parks and Recreation. She moved back from Breckenridge, CO where she taught skiing, raced her mountain bike, and taught dance classes.

She misses the CO mountains but appreciates being near family and friends. **Heather Aspinwall** teaches preschool to special ed. children in the Olde Towne Alexandria Public Schools. She traveled through Europe with Kathy Whitby in 6/98 and will be maid of honor for mv (**Katie Maxwell**) wedding to Scott Schellhammer, 6/19/99, in Clarksburg. I still work in lobbying for the floral industry in Olde Towne, Alexandria, and Scott is a computer consultant for American Management Systems (AMS). My other bridesmaid, **Christy Patten**, still flies from NY to Paris on Continental as an airline attendant. She lives in Paris with her boyfriend. Have I missed your name? Please check with SBC to make sure they have your most current address. We look forward to seeing everyone in May 2000 at Sweet Briar!

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Aloha! from **Catherine Zahn** studying Dance Ethnology in Honolulu at the U of HI at Manoa. **Susan Aronhalt** lives in MD and works for Walden/Sierra Inc. as a Family Services Counselor. She works with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Susan is in touch with **Mary Ann Gheen**, **Nichi Benson**, and **Valerie Walston**. **Mary Ann** is teaching 8th grade math at Nelson Middle School in VA. She and Tim are planning a summer 2000 wedding. **Valerie** has been working for Gov. Wilson in CA. **Pam Fine** works for Swiss Procurement Co. as an exec. asst. She sees others in the DC area, including **Cady Thomas** who is in Senator Helms' office, and **Chantel Bartlett** who is a receptionist for The Carlyle Group, a global investment bank. **Melia Childress** is getting her MFA in fiction at UVA. **Emily Virkus** has been planning her wedding to Dan at SBC on 6/24/2000. She works for MITRE in NOVA as an Assoc. Software Engr. **Elizabeth Baker** is attending grad school in Santiago de Compostela, Spain through the U of No. Iowa. **Kelly Bowman** is working at an innovative software design consulting firm founded by Alan Cooper. On 8/2/98 **Candice Broughton Maillard** married Richard in England. She is living there and going to bible college. **Suzy O'Loughlin** and **Fionna Matheson** attended the wedding. **Suzy** has been teaching at her elem. school in TX and deciding between grad school in Latin American Studies or full time teaching. **Fionna** is working as a special asst. to Gov. Gilmore of VA. **Heather Smith** is in Chattanooga working for Provident Co. **Brigitte Laib** has been working full time at the Children's Hopes & Dreams Foundation fulfilling the dreams of terminally ill children. **Melinda Brown** is a residence hall director at St. Mary's college in IN. She sees and talks with **Dair**, **Evah**, **Jessica Pavia**, **Kelsey**, **Rush** and **Kristy**. **Adair Collins** is working for Media General in Richmond. **Evah Pottmeyer** is studying Law at Tulane in New Orleans. **Rush Harris** has been living wild—tracking mountain lions in UT, observing mating grouse and prairie chickens in NE and selling her family home in GA. **Kristy Winstead** is a 2nd LT in the US Army and a 1st yr Med. Student at the U

of TX in San Antonio. **Cyndi Hague** is working on her Masters of Music at Bowling Green State U. She talks to **Katherine Carr** and **Heather Thomas**. **Katherine** is in Houston, TX working on her novel. She also did some archeology work after graduation. **Heather** is living in SC. **Leslie Farinas** reports that she is attending medical school at the University of Complutense de Madrid, Spain. **Laura Fitton Pieper** is working at an educational publishing company in Iowa. She married **Nathane** at Sweet Briar 6/26/98. **Elizabeth Snider** and **Madge Miller** were two of her bridesmaids. **Elizabeth** is working as Director of Operations and Advertising for *Women's Soccer World*, a magazine based in Montgomery, AL. **Madge** is a Development Associate at Mercy HS in San Francisco. **Hobby Holmes** is living in Jackson Hole, WY greeting private jets and meeting cool people. **Emily Meger** is in Spartanburg, SC, working for BMW. She keeps in touch with **Courtney Morgan** who works in PA as a lobbyist for the PA Dental Assn. **Courtney Hayes Toomey** ran off to HI and married **Billy Toomey** (HSC '99) in 1/99. **Bobbie Jo Hedrick** is still pursuing her degree at SBC and working for Lynchburg.net as an Internet consultant. She keeps in touch with **Kim Izquierdo** who is in NYC designing jewelry. **Kim** went on the SBC alum tour to Austria with **Joanne Hopkins**. **Joanne** is a systems analyst for Science Appl. International Corp. in NOVA. **Erikka Sund** is in St. Francisville, LA studying Law at LSU. **Erin Wortley** is living in Blacksburg and finishing her Chemical Engineering de-

gree in 12/99. **T.C. Weiseman** lives in Atlanta and manages the Account Reconciliation Dept. at Wachovia Bank. **Melissa Rothwell Pembroke** married **Pete** (VMI '98) 6/26/99 and moved to TX. **Jake Weiner** is in Richmond working in the Tax Reporting Dept. of Wheat First Union. **Allison Wetzel** is in MO in nursing school and keeps in touch with **Sandra Dittmer**. **Sandra** is living in VA and working for the Dept. of Defense. **Virginia Blair** is building her empty nest in NC working at High Point U as an Admin. Co-ordinator for their evening degree program. **Carolyn Leddy** is studying for her Masters in International Affairs at Columbia in NYC. Recently in DC she saw **Mary Lea Martin Harris** and **Anne-Claire Wackenhut**. **Mary Lea** married **Geoff Harris** 8/8/98 and is now teaching art at Garfield Elem. in Fairfax county. **Anne-Claire** is working at the National Assoc. of Student Financial Aid Admin. **Angela Elliott** has been teaching 5th grade at a Catholic school in the Richmond area. She is also planning her 10/99 wedding to **Justin Merrick** (HSC '97) and her move to NC. **Serena Putegnat** lives in Houston and is in Law School. **Tiffney Whitmire** is in Atlanta working for Towne Services, Inc as a Tech. Trainer. **Sarah Katherine Spangler** is a pre-school teacher in the childcare center at the 1st Union Bank in Roanoke. She talks with **Tricia Mohana** and **Susan Barney** a lot. **Tricia** works at a law firm in Atlanta and married **Brian Summers** in July. **Susan** is living in Richmond working for Gov. Gilmore. **Bronwyn Beard** works in the Hecht's division of the May Co. in

Alexandria, VA and lives in Fairfax with **Sarah Noltton**. **Tonya Grudier** is in MD at Oldfields School working as the Asst. Dir. Of Adm. and a dorm parent. She keeps in touch with **Katie Martin** who is working in Chicago at Modern Baking magazine. **Jayne Calabrese Pomroy** married **Jonathan** 4/17/99, in TX. She is working for Sweetwater Health Enterprises as the regional sales director. Many classmates attended the wedding and **Marnie Tokaruk** was a bridesmaid. **Marnie** got her Masters in Accounting from UNC-CH and will be employed at Ernst & Young LLP in NYC. **Kindle Samuel** was in class with **Marnie** and has accepted a position with Ernst & Young in NYC and **Stacy Sharpes** worked for the Coast Guard before starting in the same program. **Darelle Pfeiffer** is attending Temple U School of Podiatric Med. **Shelley Shreve** is teaching pre-school in VA and is still dating **Jasper**. **Charlotte Higgins** is a nursing assistant at UVa medical center on the heart floor. She is doing well. **Cynthia Bumgardner** is a Pre-K - 9 computer teacher at Faith Academy near Lynchburg. She and **Darin** are planning their wedding for 6/10/2000. She keeps in touch with a ton of our classmates and has been a great help to me. **Gretchen Gravley** hasn't left SBC. She spent summer '98 doing psychology research with **Deirdre Flannery** and then started as an admissions counselor. She lives near **Christina Cotter** who is teaching at Timberlake Christian Academy. **Gretchen** also keeps in touch with **Isabel Jean-Pierre** who has been in DC where she worked in the press office

of HUD and at Shawpittman. She is making plans to go to law school. **Joelle Jackson** went home to Chattanooga and is working as a case manager while she prepares to go back to school. **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar** married **Dennis** in KY, 8/8/98. They now live in Lynchburg and she teaches at Ryan Elem. School. **Jessica Cronin**, **Susan Holman** and **Scarlett Swain** were bridesmaids. **Jessica** is working at USA Today as a district manager in SC. **Susan Holman** is living with **Chris Beck** (HSC '98) in Atlanta and working at Low Country Barbecue. **Scarlett** is an Information Associate with Electronic Data Systems in NC. **Kimberly Osborne** is a 2nd grade teacher in FL. **Lisa Hall** returned to CO after a few weeks in Europe with **Allison Gerber** and is now working at the Hotel Jerome in reservations and at the front desk. **Allison** is at Tulane Law School in New Orleans. **Britt Sheinbaum** was in Denmark 98-99, studying and traveling. I also traveled to a couple of weddings, a trip to Scotland and then Mardi Gras with **Allie** and **Evah**. Meanwhile, I got an MA in Teaching with Internet Tech. from Marlboro College in VT. Stop by our website and find out what else is going on with our classmates.
<http://www.geocities.com/Wellesley/1623/1998.html>

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The Music Department is pleased to announce the release of a new CD, *A Sweet Briar Christmas* with the Concert Choir and Chamber Choir under the direction of Professor Jonathan Green, and featuring organ soloist Professor Allen Huszti—a collection of traditional and new holiday selections, including three premieres, all recorded live in Memorial Chapel. To order, send check for \$15 (\$12 plus \$3 S&H) to: *Sweet Briar Christmas*, Music Department, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Martha Stewart Needed in the Library! Donate your old issues of *Martha Stewart Living* to the SBC Library. We are binding volumes of this influential magazine of the '90s but are missing almost all issues from 1997 and earlier. The earliest issues are most desperately needed. Please help generations of SBC students to enjoy the magazine—contact **Liz Linton** at (804) 381-6315 or send magazines to: **Liz Linton**, Librarian, Central Receiving, 123 Power Plant Circle, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Attention All Members of Paint & Patches: We hope to have a special reunion of P&P members from all years during SBC's Centennial Celebration. Please send your name, address, and class to: **Vikki Schroeder '87**, 11502 Elmwood Avenue N., Champlin, MN 55316 (e-mail RedRoseVS@aol.com).

Corrections

We regret very much that the wrong photo was published on page 4 of the Spring '99 issue: it should have shown **Erin McKinley '01** with Professor **Joe Monk**; instead it pictured **Ann Linquist '91**. Apologies to **Erin** and **Ann**!



Oops! We goofed! The correct caption for the above picture is: Left to right, **Kristine Bria**, **Maya Angelou**, **Jennifer Crutcher**. [Spring 1999 *Alumnae Magazine*, page 24]

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In the Sweet Briar Tradition

SWEET BRIAR WELCOMES IVANA PELNAR-ZAIKO, NEW VP FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COLLEGE RELATIONS

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Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko

Dr. Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko joined the staff as vice president for development and college relations on September 1st, coming to Sweet Briar from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY, where she served as vice president for development. She brings 17 years' experience in fund-raising, including senior management and campaign leadership, and also has an academic background in music.

She earned her bachelor of music degree from McGill University in Canada in 1969, did graduate study in musicology at Yale, and received her Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Munich in 1977. Her dissertation was published in 1981 and 1982 in Germany as a two-volume book on the polyphonic songs of Oswald von Wolkenstein, 1376-1445, and she has written several journal articles and music dictionary entries, in German and in English, about this composer.

Before her appointment at Wagner College in 1997, Ivana was associate campaign manager for the Rutgers University Foundation, and director of development for

Rutgers University's Newark campus. From 1986-1992, she served in several fund-raising positions at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: director of university development for the northeast region; interim director of The Bicentennial Campaign for Carolina; director of development for the School of Pharmacy and university major gifts officer; and director of development for Carolina's National Child Welfare Leadership Center in the School of Social Work. She has also worked in development at the North Carolina Museum of Art, at Duke University, and at Temple University; has been a Certified Fund Raising Executive (C.F.R.E.) since 1996; and has served as a guest lecturer on fund-raising in the Graduate School of Management at Rutgers.

Ivana grew up in Prague, Czechoslovakia, coming to the United States with her family at the age of 17. She is fluent in German and Czech, has a reading knowledge of Russian, and has taken an intensive course in French. Her interests include music and opera, European languages and history, travel, historic architecture, decorative arts, and gardening.

She is married to Edward J. Zaiko, Ph.D., who has recently left Rhone Poulenc, where he was a chemist. He is currently enrolled in the New Jersey Institute of Technology's online program in computer science. Ivana and Edward live on campus at Red Top on Elijah Road with their dog and cat.

In accepting the position, Ivana commented on the wonderful team spirit she found at Sweet Briar, among board members, senior staff, administrators, faculty, staff, and alumnae. "The Office of Development exists to support the college, and this level of enthusiasm from all facets of the community is critical to that support," she said. "When I left campus after meeting almost 30 people, I felt energized by what I heard and what I saw. I look forward to becoming a part of this team."

SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAM 2000

January 16-28: Kenya Safari. Space still available; small group, top-notch guides.

March 5-12: Vienna Winter Escapade. Specially-priced tour: 6 nights in heart of Vienna during prime cultural season. Plan your own activities with help of experienced Alumni Holidays travel director. Stay at magnificent 5-star deluxe Hotel Bristol, across from Vienna Opera House and near famous city sights. Optional excursions at additional cost: tour of Historic Vienna; visit to Schoenbrunn Palace, former summer residence of Hapsburg family; visit to Vienna Woods and Mayerling; evening Mozart and Strauss concert at Schoenbrunn Palace; a "Day in the Alps"; and "Traces of Mozart" walking tour and concert. Price includes air from Dulles, transfers, baggage handling, hotel with full American breakfast daily. Travel with Indiana University, University of Iowa, Furman University, and Wofford College.

May 26-June 6: Princely Domains-Prague and Elbe River Cruise aboard new 5-star M.V. *Katharina*; optional pre-cruise extension in Berlin May 23-27. Delightful cruise begins in Potsdam. Before boarding M.V. *Katharina*, visit exquisite main palace of Sans Souci and the Cecilienhof, site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference. River journey includes visits to Magdeburg, to see magnificent Magdeburg Cathedral, the Romanesque monastery, "Unser Lieben Frauen," and the Town Hall with its famous statue of the Magdeburg Reiter; Wittenberg, home of Martin Luther; Meissen for excursion to the famous porcelain factory; Dresden with its vast artistic treasures and restoration work; the fortress Konigstein; and medieval wine town of Melnik. Tour concludes with 3 days in picturesque city of Prague at deluxe Hotel Intercontinental, exploring historical sites, palaces, private art collections. Optional Berlin pre-tour extension: 3 nights at deluxe Hotel Esplanade, tours of Berlin's historic and artistic landmarks, including the restored Reichstag designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster. SBC President

Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, husband Laurin A. Wollan accompany this tour.

August 7-15: Village Life in Wales. Comprehensive, educational tour based in historic seaside town of Llandudno on north coast of Wales - a seldom-visited corner of the British Isles combining tranquil village life with natural splendor;



Seven of the 23 happy travelers on the Alumnae College "Italian Mosaic Cruise aboard the *Sea Goddess I*, "June 25-July 7, 1999 Clockwise: Mary Vinton Fleming '46; Effie Siegling Bowers '43; Anne Corbitt Little '34; Joan Mossey Thomas '56; Audrey Lahman Rosselot '48; Katherine Arnold Reed '64; Carla de Creny Freed '51

7 nights at Imperial Hotel, replete with Victorian elegance. Specially-arranged program of lectures, excursions: absorb the vibrant culture, history, and artistic legacy of the Welsh people. Visit impregnable medieval castles of Beaumaris and Caernarfon, UNESCO World Heritage sites. Full-day excursion to Snowdonia National Park: journey south to Betws-y-Coed to take narrow-gauge railway for 14-mile climb up Snowdon, Wales' highest peak. A gentler facet of the Welsh landscape is seen at Bodnant Gardens, one of Britain's finest gardens: acres of roses, camellias and magnolias framed by rock terraces. Visit the Welsh Slate Museum at Gylfach Dru to see the role mining and quarrying play in the local

economy. Highlights: performance by a traditional Welsh choir and a Welsh harp recital. Tour includes hotel, meals, lectures, excursions, air from New York.

October 18-26: Alumni College in Tuscany, with its incomparable legacy of historic and artistic riches, an ideal setting for this educational program. Excellent value: transatlantic air, 3 meals a day, hotel, all seminars, excursions included. The 9-day, 7-night tour is based in the historic town of Cortona, an artist's haven. Stay in stately Hotel San Luca, with sweeping views of lush Tuscan countryside. Experts discuss Cortona and environs, the region's history and art, and Italy's contemporary political, social, and economic status. Excursions: walking tour of Cortona; visit to Museum of the Etruscan Academy; wine-tasting in the Tuscan countryside; trip to Siena; visits to Perugia, Assisi, and Florence, with special lunches; visit to Montepulciano; special "Meet the People" forum - a question-and-answer session with the people of Cortona. Optional 3-day extension in Rome.

Jan 2001: "Hidden Islands of the Grenadines & the Windwards and Leewards" cruise on 138-passenger *Yorktown Clipper*. A Southern Caribbean winter itinerary—idyllic, yet a strong educational focus on cultural and natural history. Ports of call: Grenada, Union Island, Bequia, St. Lucia, Dominica, Nevis, St. Kitts. Naturalist and historian give on-board lectures, guide shore excursions; naturalist gives presentation on marine life, then takes group snorkeling. Many interesting, historical sites; unspoiled beaches; tropical rain forests with a virtual kaleidoscope of plants, birds, wildlife. Variety of optional tours. The *Yorktown Clipper* is known for a yachtlike, intimate ambiance and friendly young American crew and staff. One leisurely seating for meals; exceptionally healthful, nutritious food. Meals included; complimentary snorkeling equipment provided.

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